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Definitions

Definitions are primarily to assist the user in understanding Digital Archive-specific terminology. One example is the definition of "DJVU." For many, "Deja Vu" is that weird feeling one gets when something seems familiar when it shouldn't. But in the Digital Archives world, it specifies a browser used by Digital Archives to view certain types of image files. A more comprehensive glossary of Digital Archivist terms can be found at <http://www.archivists.org/glossary/index.asp>.

WADA	Washington State Digital Archives
Field	A space allocated for a specific item of information (also called a cell). Fields have certain types of characteristics associated with them, such as the type of information it contains. This information can be numbers, text, currency, images, etc.
Record	A collection of fields, containing elements of related information. For example, a record of a person's information can contain their first name, last name, title, etc.
Metadata	Simply means information about data. Each field within a record has a name, which describes that field. A field called "FirstName" would (hopefully!) contain the first name of a person. The data type (number, text, etc.) is also information about that field.
JPEG	An acronym for "Joint Photographic Experts Group." JPEG is the most common image format used by digital cameras and other photographic image capture devices and is the most common format for storing and transmitting photographic images on the World Wide Web. It is also abbreviated as JPG.
TIFF	An acronym for "Tagged Image File Format." TIFF is another file format for storing images, including photographs and line art. The TIFF format is widely supported by image-manipulation applications, by publishing and page layout applications, by scanning, faxing, word processing and optical character recognition.
DJVU	A digital document format with advanced compression technology and high performance value, used by the Digital Archives for presentation of images. DJVU allows for the distribution on the Internet and on DVD of very high resolution images of scanned documents, digital documents, and photographs. DJVU viewers are available for the web browser, the desktop, and PDA devices.
Record Series	A specific collection of related documents. For example, all marriage records, regardless of county or year, are grouped together as a set. Searches can be done to find specific counties, years and names. The same would apply to birth records, death records, etc. Military records would be grouped regardless of year, branch of service or county.

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	However, once again, refined searches can be performed to find specific individuals.
Title	A sub-grouping of information within a record series; such as Birth Records (series), Spokane County 1900-1910 (Title).
Index Fields	Specific fields that are entered into the database to identify the record information. For example, from an image of a birth certificate, information is manually entered into the database; possibly consisting of date of birth, county, city, mother, father, etc. Some information is not consistent from county to county, or even from birth certificate to birth certificate. Staff does their best to decipher and enter as much information as possible from each document.
Partner	An entity external to the Office of the Secretary of State. Usually another governmental entity, such as a municipality or a county. Private entities are also accepted on a case-by-case basis. An example of a private entity is the genealogy data sent from the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints.
User	Anyone who uses the Digital Archives web sites and applications for searching the digital archives.
People Search	A People Search allows the user to search all records in our collection having index fields that are name-based. The user can also select a particular record series from a drop-down list to narrow the search to one type of record (marriage, census, etc).
Keyword Search	A Keyword Search allows the user to search on all other records in our collection that are NOT name-based. The keyword field allows the user to enter one or more terms to locate records which contain these words. The user can also select a particular record series from a drop-down list to narrow the search to one type of record (marriage, census, etc).
Detailed Search	A Detailed Search allows the user to select one record series and search on additional fields that are pertinent only to that record series. The user can also select a particular record series from a drop-down list to narrow the search to one type of record (marriage, census, etc).

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Definition

What is the **Marriage Record Series** and what can you find in it?

In the State of Washington, County Auditors are “recording officers” (RCW 65.04.015 (1)) and “custodians of records” (RCW 65.04.140). The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Title 65 requires the recording of legal documents. These recordings include marriage records which consist of, but are not limited to, the following:

- Marriage certificates,
- marriage applications,
- marriage returns,
- marriage certificate corrections,
- marriage license corrections, and
- community property agreements.

Information provided by the various documents may include names of bride and groom, marriage date, marriage location, names of witnesses, and name and title of officiant. Marriage returns may also include detailed information about the bride and groom, including age, race, birthplace, occupation, number of marriages, location of residence, and parents' names. Because of the variety of documents used for recording marriages, multiple records may exist for individual marriage events.

These marriage records include indexed, digitized images created by the Washington State Archives in a project to make the entire marriage series available from the beginning of marriage record keeping. The more current records (approximately 1995 forward) are updated by the partner Auditor on a monthly basis and may not include images.

Purpose

The purpose of this manual is to provide users with specific instructions in order to successfully search and obtain records from within the Marriage Record Series.

Dependencies

One of the following browsers must be installed and configured properly in order to access the Marriage Record Series from the Digital Archives website:

- Internet Explorer 6.0 or 7.0
- Firefox 2.0 or 3.0
- Safari 3.2
- Opera 9.27

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In addition to the above browsers, Lizardtech DJVU is an optional browser that may be installed to view images within a record of the Marriage Record Series. Users will be unable to view any images unless the DJVU browser is installed. DJVU can be downloaded at <http://www.celartem.com/en/download/>

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The Menu Bar

Throughout the Washington State Digital Archives website, you will see the “Menu Bar.” This menu allows you to go to certain pages within the Digital Archives site to get more information, find helpful links and to further explain some functions of the Digital Archives. This section is meant to help you gain a better understanding of our site and make your time spent researching more enjoyable and more profitable.

There’s No Place Like Home...

Clicking on the “Digital Archives Home” menu link will bring you back to the opening search page, “People Search” tab with no record series selected. Kind of like home base; so you always have a clean starting point no matter where in the site you may go.

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Digital Archives Home

SEARCH THE DIGITAL ARCHIVES

PEOPLE SEARCH KEYWORD SEARCH DETAILED SEARCH

Record Series: All Record Series > Search Help > Detailed Search

First Name:

Last Name:

Search

Total Records Preserved Online: 83,386,734
Total Records Searchable Online: 65,471,738

FEATURED LINKS

Browsable Collection:
'The A M Kendrick Collection Photographic Collection'

Browsable Collection:
'House of Representatives Committee Meeting Recordings Audio Recordings'

Browsable Collection:
'Spokane City Planning Department EXPO'74 Photographic Collection'

Top 10 Treasures

Archived Website:

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Looking for Something?...

This is the “Simple Search” option. You can either use the tabs for selecting the type of search to perform, or you can use the menu bar. The menu bar is always visible on all pages, which allows you to go back to a new search at any time. To use the tabs, you need to be on the “Digital Archives Home” page.

You access the drop down lists from the menu bar by placing your mouse cursor (the arrow) over the main menu bar title. If there is a list associated with that menu item, it will automatically drop down, allowing you to select from it by clicking on the specific item.

The screenshot displays the Washington State Digital Archives website. At the top is a banner with the title "Washington State Digital Archives" and a navigation menu with links: Digital Archives Home, Search, Collections, News, eRecords Management, About Us, View Cart, and My Recent Searches. A red box highlights the "Search" menu item, which has opened a dropdown menu showing "Simple Search", "Detailed Search", and "Search Help". Below the menu, the "Simple Search" section is highlighted in yellow. It contains three tabs: "PEOPLE SEARCH", "KEYWORD SEARCH", and "DETAILED SEARCH". Under "KEYWORD SEARCH", there is a "Record Series" dropdown menu set to "All Record Series", with links to "Search Help" and "Detailed Search". Below this are input fields for "First Name:" and "Last Name:", followed by a "Search" button. To the right of the search area, there is a "FEATURED LINKS" section with three "Browseable Collection" items: "The A M Kendrick Collection Photographic Collection", "House of Representatives Committee Meeting Recordings Audio Recordings", and "Spokane City Planning Department EXPO'74 Photographic Collection". At the bottom of the search area, it states "Total Records Preserved Online: 83,386,734" and "Total Records Searchable Online: 65,471,738".

Search – Simple Search

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To perform a “Detailed Search,” select a record series from the “Record Series” drop down list. This will determine what other fields you can search by. After selecting the appropriate record series, the fields under that drop down list will change to allow selecting from other drop down lists and/or typing directly into text boxes. Once all of your selection criteria is entered, click the “Search” button and you’re off and running! Or more accurately, “off and researching!”



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Detailed Search

Search Help

Search Options

Record Series: Select Record Series

County: -- All Counties --

Title: -- All Titles --

Have a research question? Ask An Archivist!

Search Clear Form

Search Results

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Everyone needs a little help on occasion, so we've included "Search Help" to guide you through some of the basics about searching the Digital Archives site.

The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and navigation links. A dropdown menu under 'Search' highlights 'Search Help'. The main content area is divided into 'Search Help' and 'Detailed Search Help'. The 'Search Help' section includes a 'People Search' tip and a 'Keyword Search' link. The 'Detailed Search Help' section lists various record series with download links for PDF and Word documents. An inset image shows the 'Digital Archives Home' page with search and collection options.

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Detailed Search
Search Help

Search Help

Several searches are available to help you find information in the Digital Archives. Each search is suited for different needs.

People Search

- People Search allows researchers to search ALL records in our collection that have index fields that are name based
- Or researchers can select a particular record series from the drop down list to narrow the search to one type of record (marriage, census, etc)

Tip: if you are uncertain of the first name, enter the first letter or leave it blank.
Example: To search on any records for James White, enter James (or J) for the first name and White for the Last Name, click search. If you are looking specifically for census records, select Census from the drop down list first and click search.

Detailed Search Help

For detailed search help for a specific record series, you may download the user manual below

- Corporations Records
 - [PDF \(700KB\)](#)
 - [Word \(3,987KB\)](#)
- Minute Records
 - [PDF \(705KB\)](#)
 - [Word \(2,571KB\)](#)
- Resolution Records
 - [PDF \(951KB\)](#)
 - [Word \(2,841KB\)](#)

Keyword Search

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Last Name:

COLLECTIONS

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What is There to See?

“I need to find out if my Great Uncle Harry has any record of...” So you want to discover if Great Uncle Harry has any past in Washington State? Be careful! You may find him in the “Frontier Justice” record series as having had some “contact” with law enforcement. Or you may find that he really *was* Mayor of Adna. Or you may find that he served in World War 1, but never mentioned it.



The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and a navigation bar with links: Digital Archives Home, Search, Collections, News, eRecords Management, About Us, View Cart, and My Recent Searches. The 'Collections' link is highlighted with a red box, and a dropdown menu is open showing options: Where to Start, Fee Schedule, Record Series, Genealogy, and FAQ. The 'Where to Start' option is selected. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Where to Start' and a heading 'Where to Start'. The text explains that the easiest way to search is by surname on the home page, and a more focused search can be done using the detailed search. A blue puzzle piece is shown on a white background.

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Where to Start

The easiest way to start looking for information in the Digital Archives is to use the surname search on the [home page](#). Simply enter in the name you are looking for, the records series (or type of record) that you want to search on. Simple Name searches will look through the metadata (the data about the data) captured with each record.

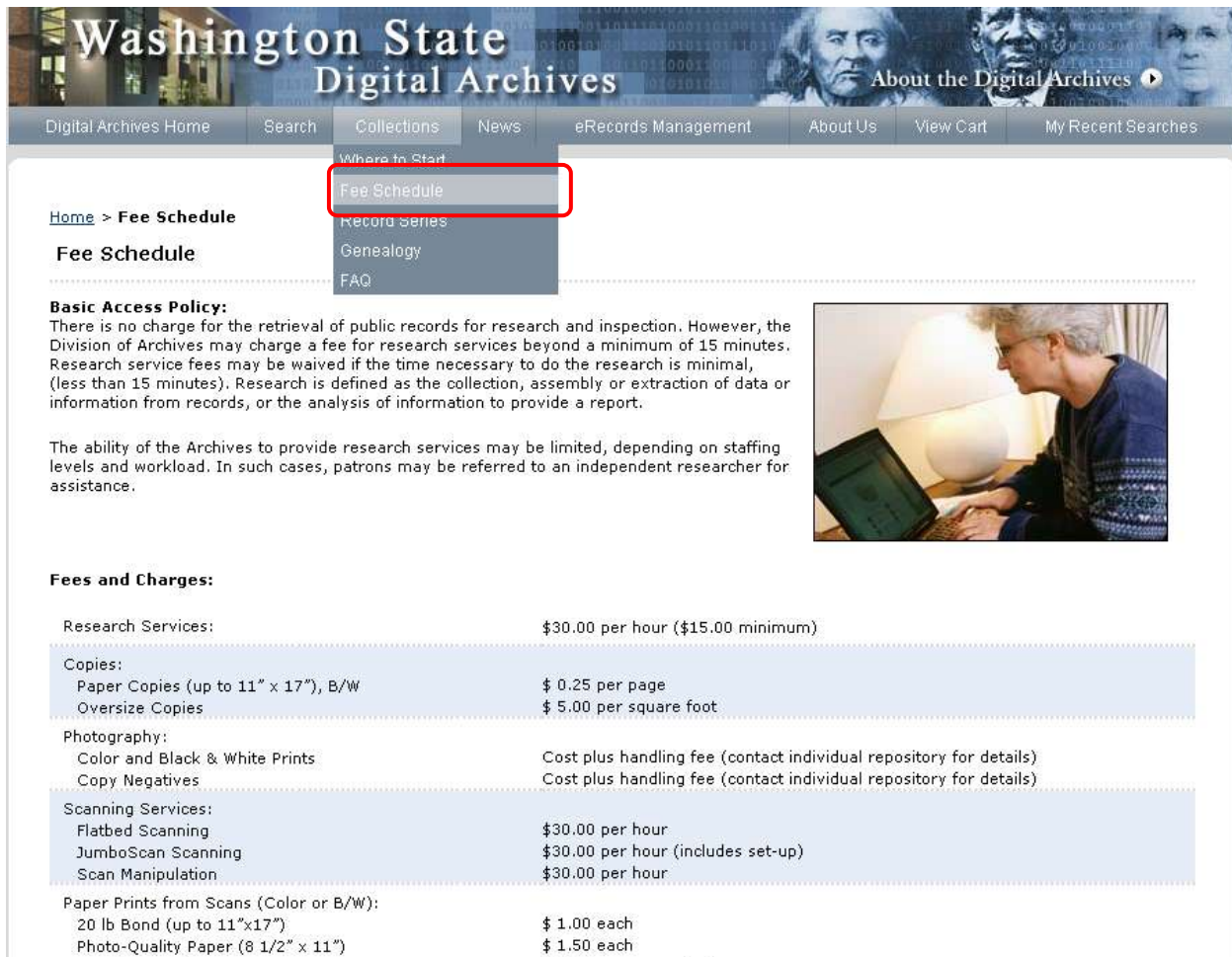
If you are conducting a more focused search, you can use the [detailed search](#). This will allow you to perform a more specific search based on the records series that you select. For example, if you select a detailed marriage records search, you will be able to enter in the name of the bride and/or groom, along with county they were married in and the date married. As more collections are brought into the Digital Archives, the number of detailed searches will grow and the more complex searches you will be able to perform.

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“Ah, yes... you want a copy of that?” As with many things historical, to get a copy might cost something. But our fees are very reasonable. The Digital Archives also offers research services if you're not sure how to begin. We can either point you in the right direction or, for a fee, look for the information for you.



The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and a navigation bar with links: Digital Archives Home, Search, Collections, News, eRecords Management, About Us, View Cart, and My Recent Searches. A dropdown menu under 'Collections' is open, highlighting 'Fee Schedule'. The main content area is titled 'Home > Fee Schedule' and 'Fee Schedule'. It includes a 'Basic Access Policy' section, a photograph of a person using a laptop, and a 'Fees and Charges' table.

Basic Access Policy:
There is no charge for the retrieval of public records for research and inspection. However, the Division of Archives may charge a fee for research services beyond a minimum of 15 minutes. Research service fees may be waived if the time necessary to do the research is minimal, (less than 15 minutes). Research is defined as the collection, assembly or extraction of data or information from records, or the analysis of information to provide a report.

The ability of the Archives to provide research services may be limited, depending on staffing levels and workload. In such cases, patrons may be referred to an independent researcher for assistance.

Fees and Charges:

Research Services:	\$30.00 per hour (\$15.00 minimum)
Copies:	
Paper Copies (up to 11" x 17"), B/W	\$ 0.25 per page
Oversize Copies	\$ 5.00 per square foot
Photography:	
Color and Black & White Prints	Cost plus handling fee (contact individual repository for details)
Copy Negatives	Cost plus handling fee (contact individual repository for details)
Scanning Services:	
Flatbed Scanning	\$30.00 per hour
JumboScan Scanning	\$30.00 per hour (includes set-up)
Scan Manipulation	\$30.00 per hour
Paper Prints from Scans (Color or B/W):	
20 lb Bond (up to 11"x17")	\$ 1.00 each
Photo-Quality Paper (8 1/2" x 11")	\$ 1.50 each

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“How extensive is the information that I can search?” The Digital Archives has what are called “Record Series,” which are collections of information grouped by various criteria, such as subject and dates. Not all record series have images attached to them, but information taken from the original documents can be searched. Limitations placed on access to images and information may be due to legal issues surrounding personally identifiable information, such as Social Security numbers, or other limitations placed by the Partner. But for the most part, if we have it, you can get it!

The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and navigation links. The 'Collections' menu is open, highlighting 'Record Series'. The 'Current Collections' section contains an FAQ about record series and a list of available collections. The 'Available Collections' section lists various record series with expand/collapse icons.

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Navigation: Digital Archives Home | Search | Collections | News | eRecords Management | About Us | View Cart | My Recent Searches

Current Collections

- Where to Start
- Fee Schedule
- Record Series**
- Agreements/Contracts
- Audio Recordings
- Birth Records
- Census Records
- Corporation Records
- Death Records
- E-Publication Records
- Frontier Justice Records
- Institution Records
- Land Records
- Marriage Records
- Military Records
- Minute/Resolution/Ordinance Records
- Minutes Records
- Misc Auditor Records
- Misc Family History
- Naturalization Records
- Oaths of Office Records
- Ordinance Records
- Photograph Records
- Plats/Surveys Records
- Power of Attorney Records
- Professional License Records
- Resolution Records
- Uniform Commercial Code Records

FAQ: Record Series

A Record Series is composed of similar documents. The organization may be simple alphabetical, as, for example, annual reports arranged first by years, then by organization. There will occasionally be a series made up of only one organization.

There will also be cases where no discernible pattern seems to exist. Often one really has just an accumulation of documents with no arrangement. These accumulations can hardly be called 'series' in keeping them together.

Available Collections

Listed below are all of the record series currently searchable on-line. Within each record series, click on the '+' symbol next to the record sets, click on the record title. To view all record sets at the

Expand All | Contract All

- + [Audio Records](#)
- + [Auditor Misc Records](#)
- + [Birth Records](#)
- + [Census Records](#)
- + [Corporation Records](#)
- + [Death Records](#)
- + [E-Publications](#)
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“I want to see my Nana’s birth certificate.” Selecting a Record Series, such as Birth Records, you will be presented with a listing of available counties, also known as “Titles,” within the record series. Not all Washington State counties are participating in the Digital Archives yet, but more are coming onboard all the time. There may or may not be images of the birth certificate. It is a Partner decision to release them, along with various legal issues; such as Social Security numbers. But look anyway... you just might find Nana’s birth certificate. And you might find that she’s younger than you think!

The screenshot displays the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and navigation links. A sidebar menu on the left lists various record series, with 'Birth Records' highlighted by a red rectangle. The main content area shows a list of counties under the 'Birth Records' series, including Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Douglas, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, San Juan, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, and Whitman. A 'Have a research question? Ask An Archivist!' button is visible on the right.

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Record Series Info for: Birth Records

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Record Series Name: Birth Records

Record Series Description: Birth records are created by the doctor or midwife at the time of a child, created by the doctor or midwife at the time of the name of the child, date and place of birth, and name of father and mother.

Have a research question? Ask An Archivist!

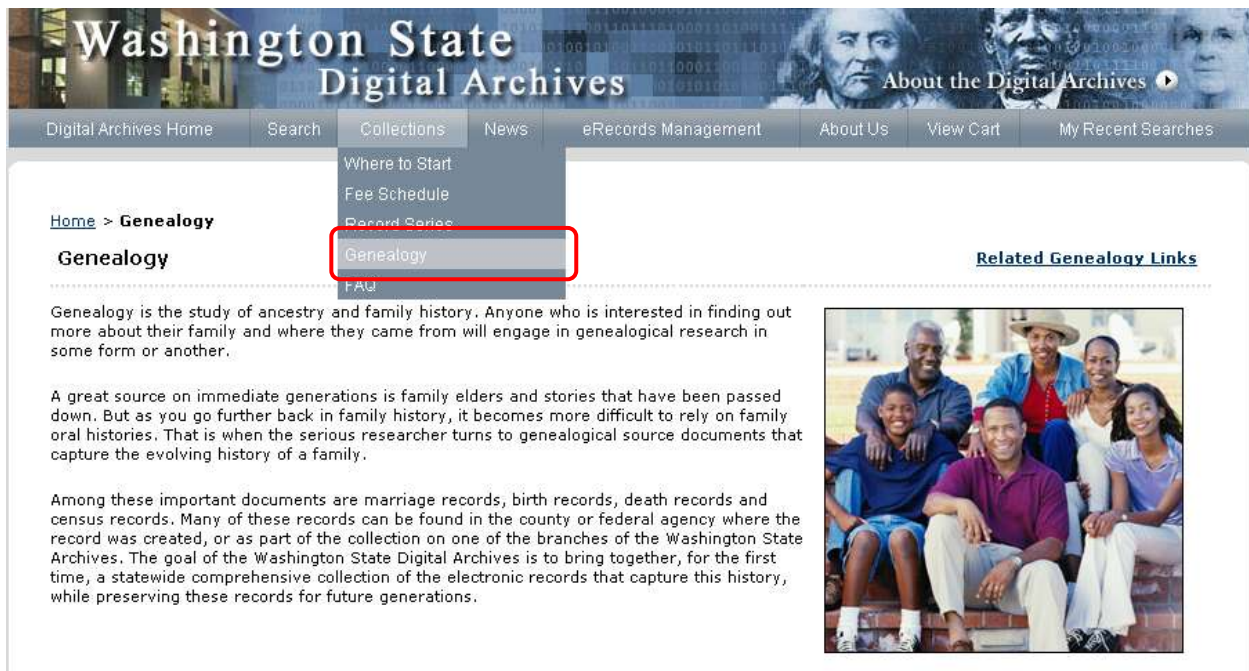
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In the 1970's, Alex Haley's book, *Roots*, stirred a desire for many to find out where they came from. Who were their ancestors? Was Great Uncle Harry actually a horse thief, or was he a war hero? If the information was recorded in Washington State, chances are it can be found at the Digital Archives. If not, the page has a link to other genealogy sites to assist you in your quest for family history.

And keep us updated on Great Uncle Harry...



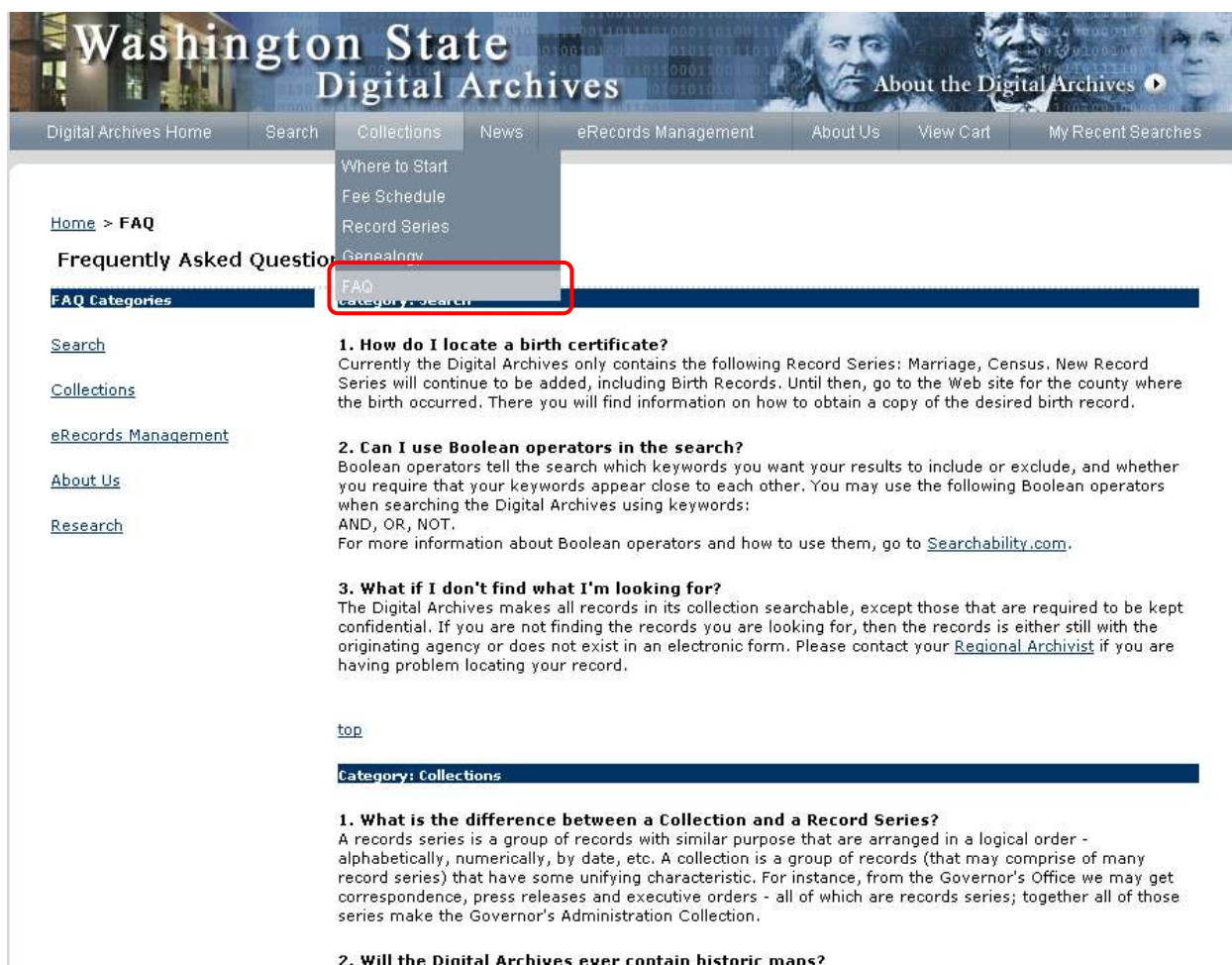
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What in the heck is an FAQ? Some may see the acronym, "FAQ," and wonder what it means. "Frequently Asked Questions." ah-HA! What the Digital Archives has done is taken calls, emails and letters with questions from researchers and the general public and compiled a list of questions that are most often asked. So before calling, emailing or writing, check out our FAQ page to see if your question has already been answered. And remember, there is no such thing as a dumb question...



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Frequently Asked Questions

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1. How do I locate a birth certificate?
Currently the Digital Archives only contains the following Record Series: Marriage, Census. New Record Series will continue to be added, including Birth Records. Until then, go to the Web site for the county where the birth occurred. There you will find information on how to obtain a copy of the desired birth record.

2. Can I use Boolean operators in the search?
Boolean operators tell the search which keywords you want your results to include or exclude, and whether you require that your keywords appear close to each other. You may use the following Boolean operators when searching the Digital Archives using keywords:
AND, OR, NOT.
For more information about Boolean operators and how to use them, go to [Searchability.com](#).

3. What if I don't find what I'm looking for?
The Digital Archives makes all records in its collection searchable, except those that are required to be kept confidential. If you are not finding the records you are looking for, then the records is either still with the originating agency or does not exist in an electronic form. Please contact your [Regional Archivist](#) if you are having problem locating your record.

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Category: Collections

1. What is the difference between a Collection and a Record Series?
A records series is a group of records with similar purpose that are arranged in a logical order - alphabetically, numerically, by date, etc. A collection is a group of records (that may comprise of many record series) that have some unifying characteristic. For instance, from the Governor's Office we may get correspondence, press releases and executive orders - all of which are records series; together all of those series make the Governor's Administration Collection.

2. Will the Digital Archives ever contain historic maps?

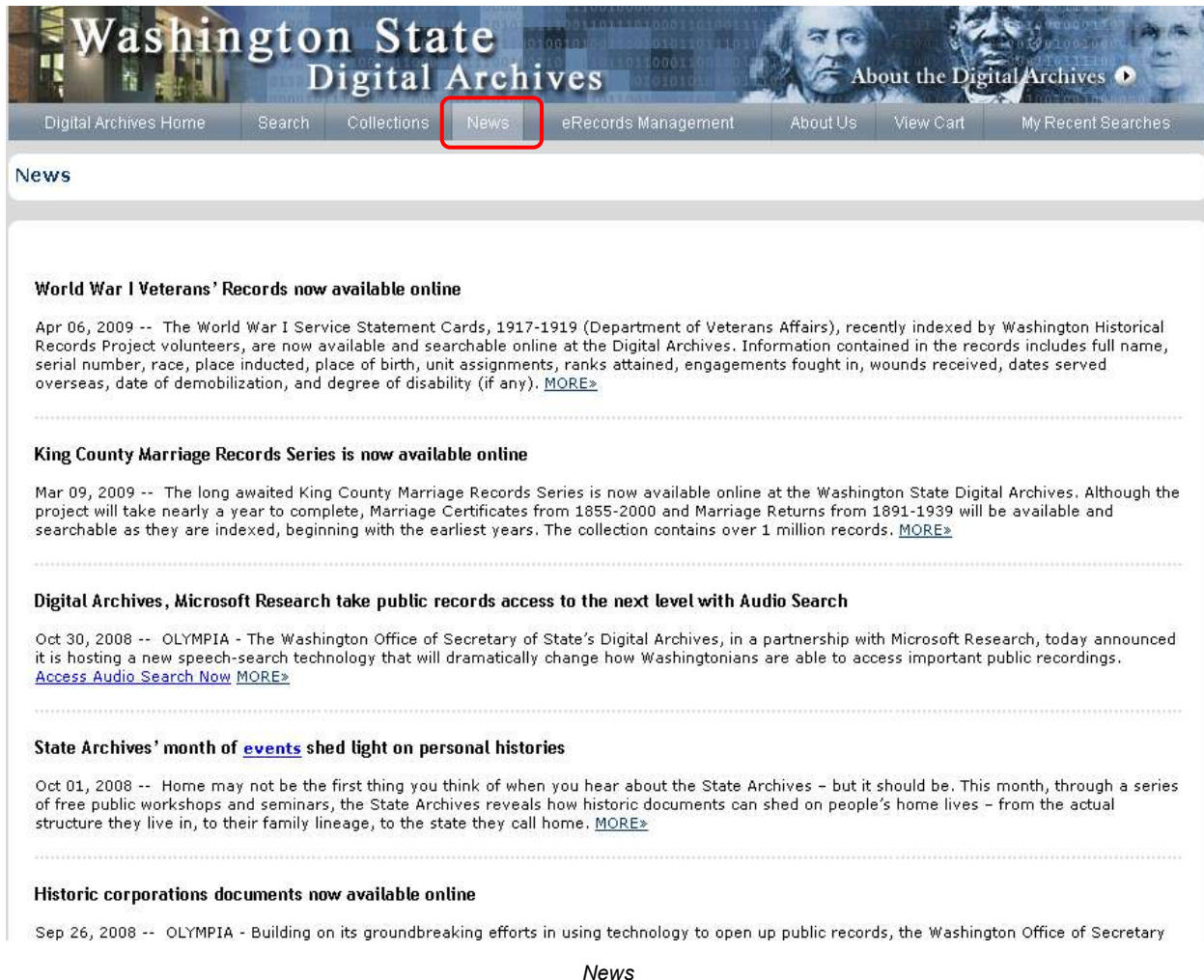
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What's the Latest?

Or in today's modern vernacular, "Wazzup?" Check out the "News" menu item to see what the Digital Archives is up to. Check to see if Lewis County has submitted Birth Records, or how the King County Marriage Certificate project is progressing. See what the Digital Archives Partners are up to and what records are now available.



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- World War I Veterans' Records now available online**
Apr 06, 2009 -- The World War I Service Statement Cards, 1917-1919 (Department of Veterans Affairs), recently indexed by Washington Historical Records Project volunteers, are now available and searchable online at the Digital Archives. Information contained in the records includes full name, serial number, race, place inducted, place of birth, unit assignments, ranks attained, engagements fought in, wounds received, dates served overseas, date of demobilization, and degree of disability (if any). [MORE>](#)
- King County Marriage Records Series is now available online**
Mar 09, 2009 -- The long awaited King County Marriage Records Series is now available online at the Washington State Digital Archives. Although the project will take nearly a year to complete, Marriage Certificates from 1855-2000 and Marriage Returns from 1891-1939 will be available and searchable as they are indexed, beginning with the earliest years. The collection contains over 1 million records. [MORE>](#)
- Digital Archives, Microsoft Research take public records access to the next level with Audio Search**
Oct 30, 2008 -- OLYMPIA - The Washington Office of Secretary of State's Digital Archives, in a partnership with Microsoft Research, today announced it is hosting a new speech-search technology that will dramatically change how Washingtonians are able to access important public recordings. [Access Audio Search Now MORE>](#)
- State Archives' month of [events](#) shed light on personal histories**
Oct 01, 2008 -- Home may not be the first thing you think of when you hear about the State Archives - but it should be. This month, through a series of free public workshops and seminars, the State Archives reveals how historic documents can shed on people's home lives - from the actual structure they live in, to their family lineage, to the state they call home. [MORE>](#)
- Historic corporations documents now available online**
Sep 26, 2008 -- OLYMPIA - Building on its groundbreaking efforts in using technology to open up public records, the Washington Office of Secretary

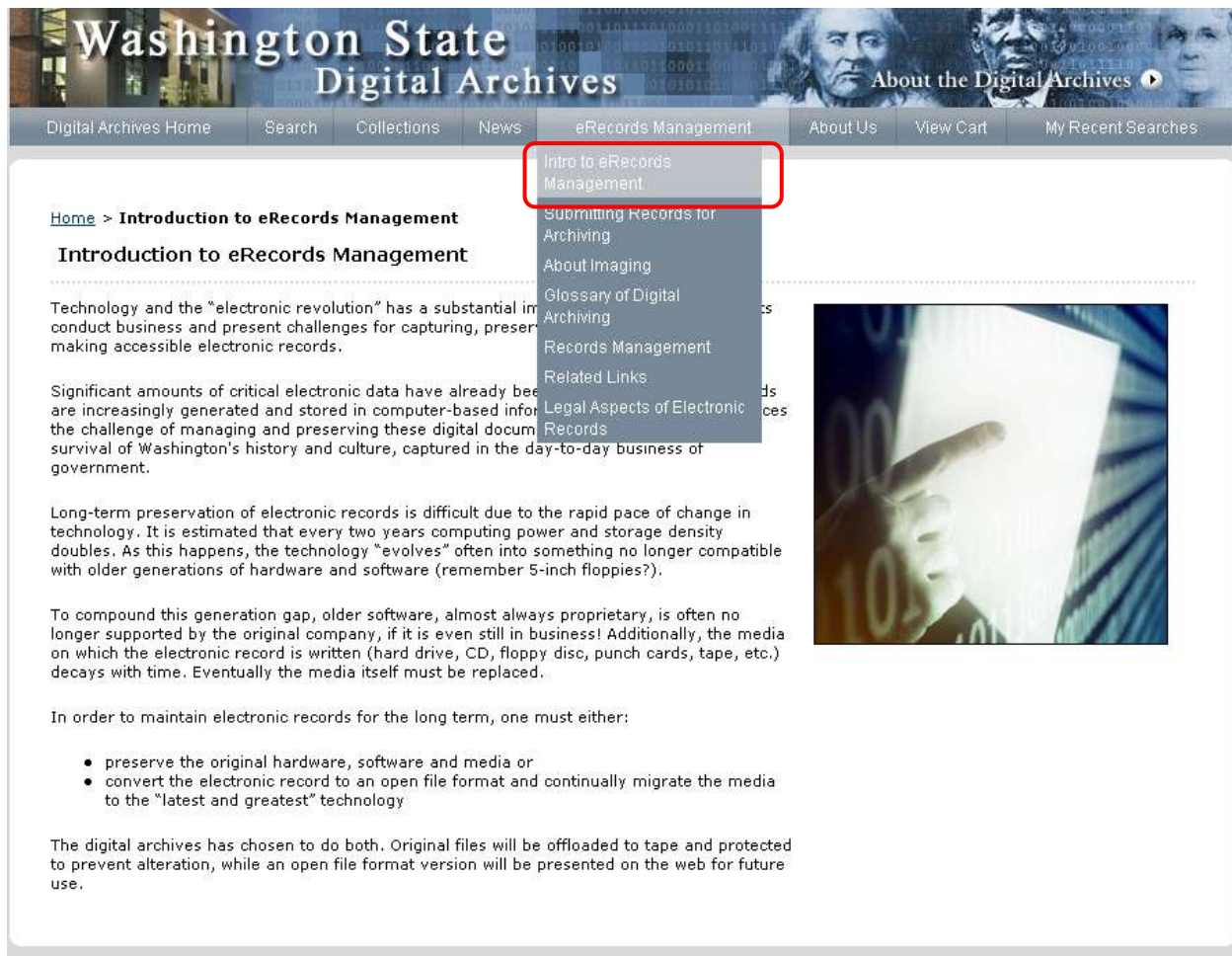
The word "News" is centered below the article list.

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Paperless Archiving

Nowadays, techno-babble is permeating our everyday language. “eCommerce,” “Cyber... whatever” and other techy-sounding terms are bandied about like tennis balls at Wimbledon. However, it is in this very arena that the Digital Archives provides services for the public. If you can read it with a computer, chances are the Digital Archives has it. Any electronic document, such as Adobe’s .PDF file format, that is submitted to (and accepted by) the Digital Archives can be found on-line.



The screenshot displays the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header features the site's name and a navigation bar with links: Digital Archives Home, Search, Collections, News, eRecords Management, About Us, View Cart, and My Recent Searches. The 'eRecords Management' link is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Home > Introduction to eRecords Management'. The main content area is titled 'Introduction to eRecords Management' and contains several paragraphs of text discussing the challenges of digital archiving. A sidebar on the right lists various links related to eRecords Management, including 'Submitting Records for Archiving', 'About Imaging', 'Glossary of Digital Archiving', 'Records Management', 'Related Links', 'Legal Aspects of Electronic Records', and 'Records'. An image of a hand pointing at a document is also visible on the right side of the page.

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Introduction to eRecords Management

Technology and the “electronic revolution” has a substantial impact on how we conduct business and present challenges for capturing, preserving, and making accessible electronic records.

Significant amounts of critical electronic data have already been generated and are increasingly generated and stored in computer-based information systems. The challenge of managing and preserving these digital documents for the survival of Washington’s history and culture, captured in the day-to-day business of government.

Long-term preservation of electronic records is difficult due to the rapid pace of change in technology. It is estimated that every two years computing power and storage density doubles. As this happens, the technology “evolves” often into something no longer compatible with older generations of hardware and software (remember 5-inch floppies?).

To compound this generation gap, older software, almost always proprietary, is often no longer supported by the original company, if it is even still in business! Additionally, the media on which the electronic record is written (hard drive, CD, floppy disc, punch cards, tape, etc.) decays with time. Eventually the media itself must be replaced.

In order to maintain electronic records for the long term, one must either:

- preserve the original hardware, software and media or
- convert the electronic record to an open file format and continually migrate the media to the “latest and greatest” technology

The digital archives has chosen to do both. Original files will be offloaded to tape and protected to prevent alteration, while an open file format version will be presented on the web for future use.

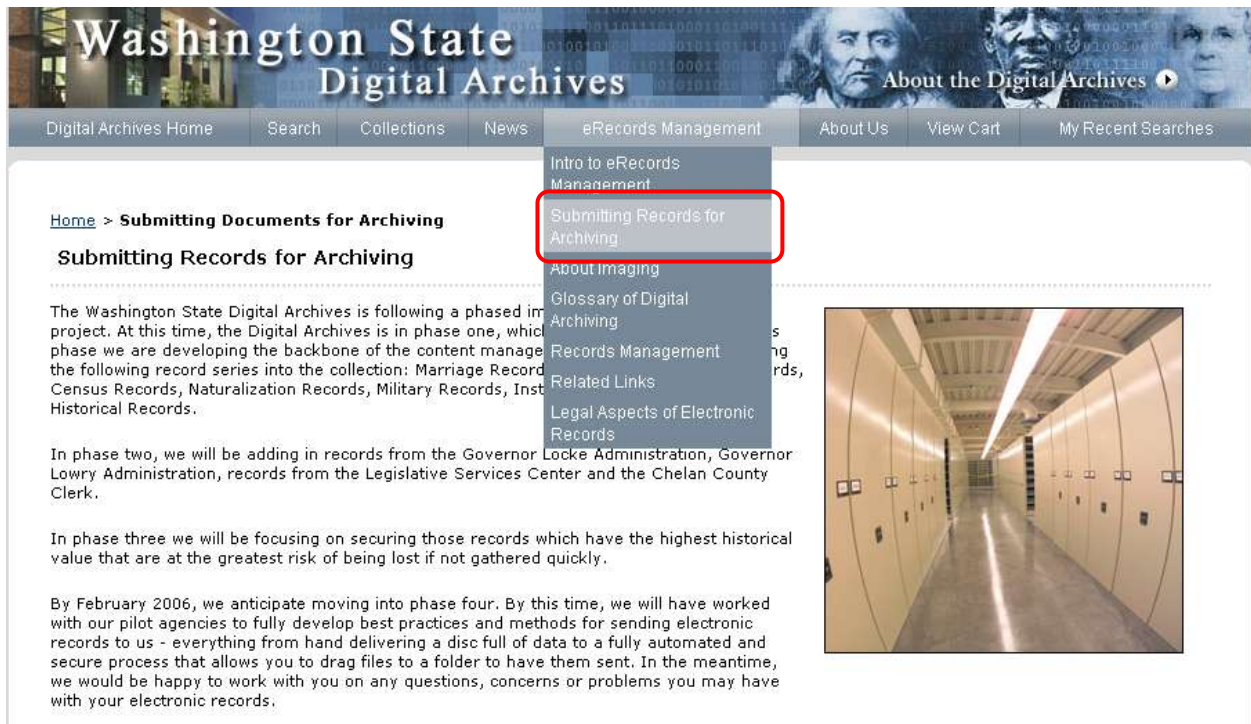
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Having said all of that, there are certain criteria that must be met for an electronic document (an eRecord) to be stored by the Digital Archives. So not all electronic documents produced in Washington State are stored. But those that meet those certain criteria can be found.

Do you have an electronic document that you want the Digital Archives to store? Find out what is required and how to go about submitting it for consideration.

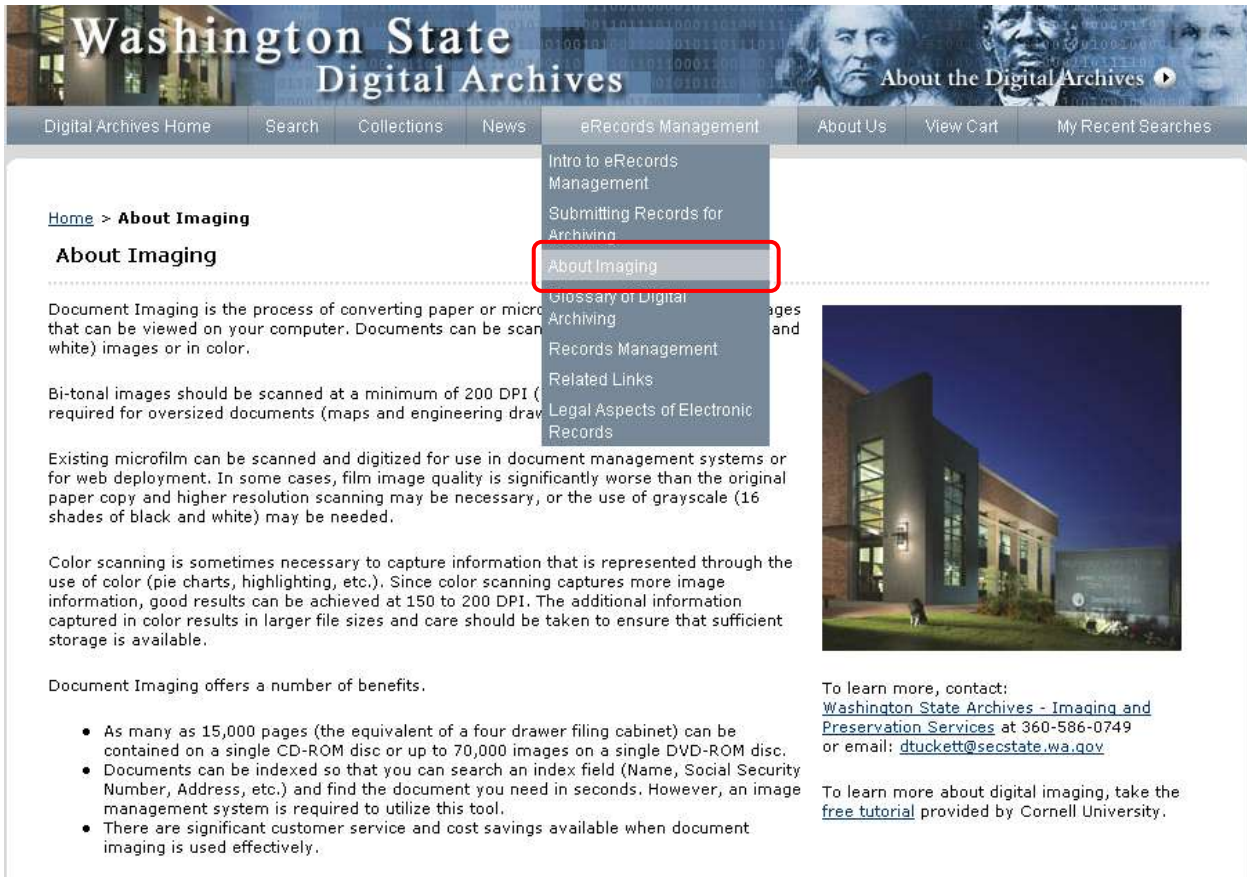


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What is imaging? Basically, it's the conversion of a paper document into an electronic form that can be stored on a computer. Common formats include Adobe's .PDF, .TIFF and .JPEG. This page describes the basics and benefits of imaging with some links to other sites with more information.



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Document Imaging is the process of converting paper or microfilm documents into electronic images that can be viewed on your computer. Documents can be scanned in grayscale (black and white) images or in color.

Bi-tonal images should be scanned at a minimum of 200 DPI (dots per inch). Higher resolution is required for oversized documents (maps and engineering drawings).

Existing microfilm can be scanned and digitized for use in document management systems or for web deployment. In some cases, film image quality is significantly worse than the original paper copy and higher resolution scanning may be necessary, or the use of grayscale (16 shades of black and white) may be needed.

Color scanning is sometimes necessary to capture information that is represented through the use of color (pie charts, highlighting, etc.). Since color scanning captures more image information, good results can be achieved at 150 to 200 DPI. The additional information captured in color results in larger file sizes and care should be taken to ensure that sufficient storage is available.

Document Imaging offers a number of benefits.

- As many as 15,000 pages (the equivalent of a four drawer filing cabinet) can be contained on a single CD-ROM disc or up to 70,000 images on a single DVD-ROM disc.
- Documents can be indexed so that you can search an index field (Name, Social Security Number, Address, etc.) and find the document you need in seconds. However, an image management system is required to utilize this tool.
- There are significant customer service and cost savings available when document imaging is used effectively.

To learn more, contact:
[Washington State Archives - Imaging and Preservation Services](#) at 360-586-0749
or email: dtuckett@secstate.wa.gov

To learn more about digital imaging, take the [free tutorial](#) provided by Cornell University.

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Every industry has its own definitions of terms and acronyms. Archiving is no different. To better understand the terms used by the Digital Archives, and archiving in general, check out this page.



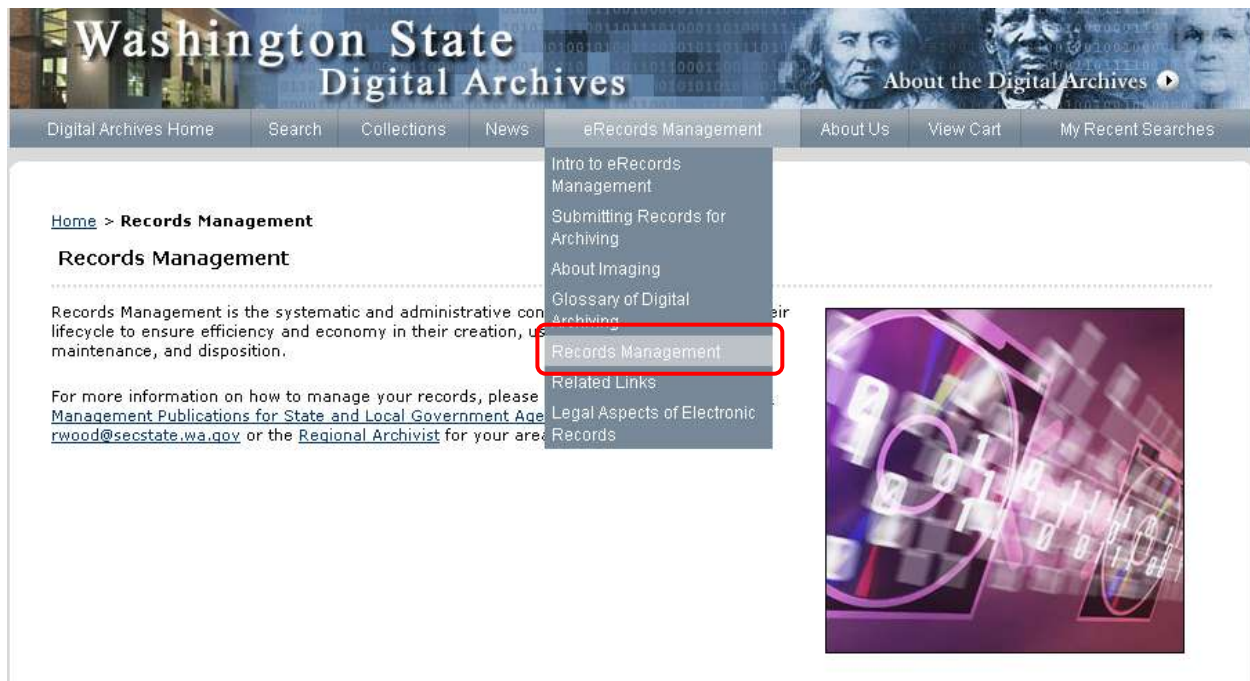
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Records, whether digital (electronic) or paper, require administration and management. There are two main reasons for this: first, to better organize the information for ease of retrieval, and two, to maintain the quality of the documents. Paper archives have certain temperature and humidity requirements to allow the paper to last as long as possible. You can't just store them in the attic like old magazines and baseball cards.

Electronic archives require updates to the media to ensure the information can be read. Technological advances are so rapid that media used even 10 years ago may not be readable because the devices used to create them are obsolete and hard, if not impossible, to find. Remember 5-1/4 inch floppies?



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To find out more about electronic records management, check out our links page.

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- [Obsolete Technology Website](#)
- [Old-Computers.com](#)
- [The History of Computer Project](#)
- [The Old Computer Dot Com](#)

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- [The Camileon Project](#)
- [Curl Exemplars for Digital Archives](#)
- [Internet Archive - The Way Back Machine](#)
- [The National Archives of the United Kingdom](#)
- [The California Underground Railroad](#)
- [Digital Preservation](#)
- [National Archives of Australia](#)
- [National Archives and Records Administration - Electronic Records Archives](#)

Digital Archives Models

- [Department of Defense Electronic Records Management Software Applications Design Criteria Standard DoD5015.2 \(pdf\)](#)
- [ISO Archiving Standards - Reference Model Papers](#)
- [International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems](#)
- [San Diego Supercomputer Center at UCSD](#)
- [International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems](#)

Deciphering Old Handwriting

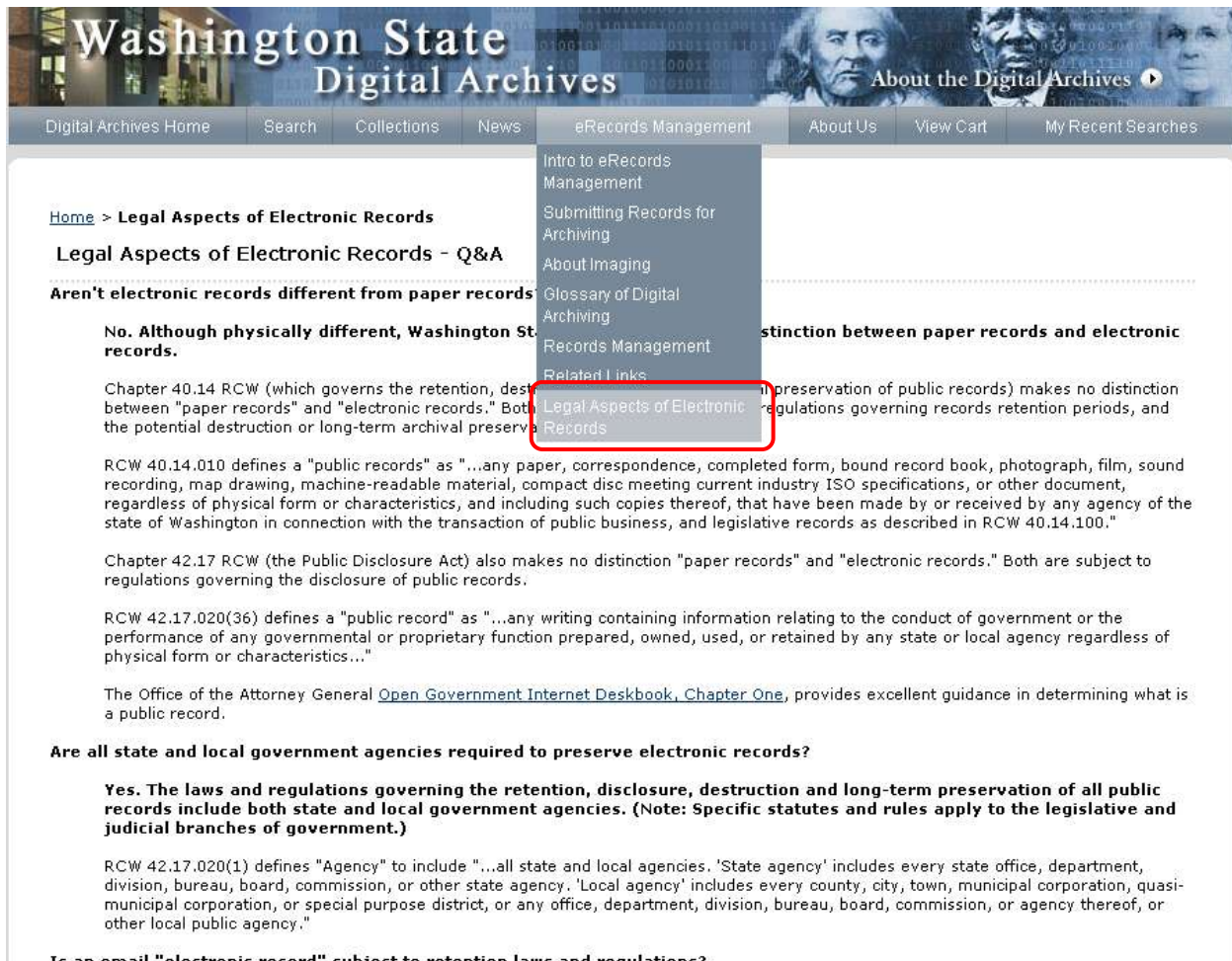
- [Deciphering Old Handwriting in Genealogy](#)
- [The National Archives of the United Kingdom - Palaeography Interactive Tutorial](#)

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The “Legal-eeze.” You know, the fine print... the guy talking so fast at the end of the commercial that you can barely make out what he’s saying? Well, there are legal requirements with regard to archiving, and electronic record archiving is no different. This page covers many of the general questions about electronic records; such as, “Are they different than paper records?” Or, “Is an email an electronic record that needs to be archived?” The answer to the last question is, “yes,” so if you’re in State government, be careful what you send!



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Legal Aspects of Electronic Records - Q&A

Aren't electronic records different from paper records?

No. Although physically different, Washington State makes no distinction between paper records and electronic records.

Chapter 40.14 RCW (which governs the retention, destruction, and long-term archival preservation of public records) makes no distinction between "paper records" and "electronic records." Both are subject to regulations governing records retention periods, and the potential destruction or long-term archival preservation of public records.

RCW 40.14.010 defines a "public records" as "...any paper, correspondence, completed form, bound record book, photograph, film, sound recording, map drawing, machine-readable material, compact disc meeting current industry ISO specifications, or other document, regardless of physical form or characteristics, and including such copies thereof, that have been made by or received by any agency of the state of Washington in connection with the transaction of public business, and legislative records as described in RCW 40.14.100."

Chapter 42.17 RCW (the Public Disclosure Act) also makes no distinction "paper records" and "electronic records." Both are subject to regulations governing the disclosure of public records.

RCW 42.17.020(36) defines a "public record" as "...any writing containing information relating to the conduct of government or the performance of any governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics..."

The Office of the Attorney General [Open Government Internet Deskbook, Chapter One](#), provides excellent guidance in determining what is a public record.

Are all state and local government agencies required to preserve electronic records?

Yes. The laws and regulations governing the retention, disclosure, destruction and long-term preservation of all public records include both state and local government agencies. (Note: Specific statutes and rules apply to the legislative and judicial branches of government.)

RCW 42.17.020(1) defines "Agency" to include "...all state and local agencies. 'State agency' includes every state office, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or other state agency. 'Local agency' includes every county, city, town, municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or special purpose district, or any office, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency thereof, or other local public agency."

Is an email "electronic record" subject to retention laws and regulations?

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Who Are Those Guys?

Paul Newman made that quote famous in “*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*.” But it can apply to the Digital Archives as well. Who are we and what are we doing with all those records? This page gives a little background on who we are and what we do. Beginning with our background, you can see that we are alone on the “cutting edge” of digital archiving in the entire nation. We host several states Digital Archives in our facility as well as genealogy records from the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, based in Utah.

We partner with municipalities and local government, in addition to the Library of Congress in Washington DC. If you hear about a breakthrough in digital archiving, you can bet it's being done at Washington State's Digital Archives!

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Digital Archives Background

The Washington State Digital Archives is the nation's first archives dedicated specifically to the preservation of electronic records from both State and Local agencies that have permanent legal, fiscal or historical value.

Located in Cheney, WA on the Eastern Washington University campus, the new facility was designed from the ground up to host this technically complex program. The web interface and database storehouse were custom designed specifically for the Digital Archives to hold the unique and very important electronic records found throughout the state, and to provide simple, straight forward access to researchers.

The Digital Archives includes a state of the art research room, complete with computer research stations, a high tech presentation classroom and a world-class data center.

Technical Documents and Presentations

- [2nd Annual Records Management Workshop](#)
- [Digital Archives Feasibility Study](#)
- [Digital Archives Investment Plan](#)
- [ISB Presentation Sept 2004](#)
- [Archiving Electronic Records](#)
- [Digital Archives Overview](#)
- [Quality Assurance Report Q1](#)
- [Quality Assurance Report Q3](#)

History of the Digital Archives

The agency began strategic planning for the Digital Archives in March of 2000, when the

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OK, so far it sounds great and you want to get in touch with us. How do you do that? The Digital Archives offers several ways to contact us:

- Telephone (509-235-7509),
- Fax (509-235-7504),
- Email (digitalarchives@secstate.wa.gov) and
- “Snail Mail” Washington State Digital Archives
960 Washington St
Cheney WA 99004

Our website is located at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/>, which is described in detail in this and other manuals for using the site.

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The Washington State Digital Archives is co-located on Eastern Washington University Campus in Cheney, WA at:

960 Washington Street
Cheney, WA 99004

Hours of Operations
8am - 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday
On-line research (www.digitalarchives.wa.gov) is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week except for planned maintenance cycles.

Telephone: 509-235-7509

Mail: Washington State Digital Archives
960 Washington Street
Cheney, WA 99004

E-mail: digitalarchives@secstate.wa.gov

Fax: 509-235-7504

Map

MAPQUEST

From I-90 take exit 270 (Hwy 904) toward Cheney, WA
At the first stoplight, turn right onto Betz Road
Betz Road turns left and becomes Washington Street
960 Washington Street is on the right side of the road after the playfields

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Those among you who are techies at heart will find this page interesting. It's a log of all of the changes and upgrades made to our site to better serve you, our valued customer. Some of it may seem like Greek; but it's all in our effort to make sure that you, as the user of our site, have the most pleasant experience possible in your research and information gathering experience. If you can think of anything that might enhance your use of this site even further, please drop us a note with your idea.

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April 21, 2009

- "Add to shopping cart" section has been redesigned.
- American Express credit cards are now accepted.
- Bug fix: Search results grid had a bug that could cause an error when paging through the results.
- Certain non-certified document orders can now be fulfilled online.
- E-publications can now be searched via the Keyword search tab on the home page.
- "Featured Collections" section has been expanded
- Footer links have been expanded.
- Menu bar has been redesigned for increased compatibility.
- News RSS feed added.
- Photograph search results interface has been updated.
- Photographs and Audio collections are now browsable.
- Questions and comments submission page has been redesigned.
- Right-hand column on the homepage has been redesigned.
- The [Privacy policy](#) has been updated to address the use of cookies.
- The [User manual](#) for the "Resolution" record series has been added.

February 3, 2009

- The "Ask an Archivist" feature is now available to help answer your research questions.
- The audio player UI has been updated.
- Records with attached images now display the file size for each attachment.
- The graphics for the menu bar have been redesigned.
- The footer for the website has been redesigned.
- Some formatting has been redesigned to improve cross browser compatibility.

November 20, 2008

- The loading screen has been improved to better support smaller screens.
- Additional search fields have been added to the collections search page available [here](#).
- Search parameters are now preserved between searches to further streamline the search process.
- An issue was fixed that caused an error when two invalid dates were entered in a detailed search for 'Minute Records'.

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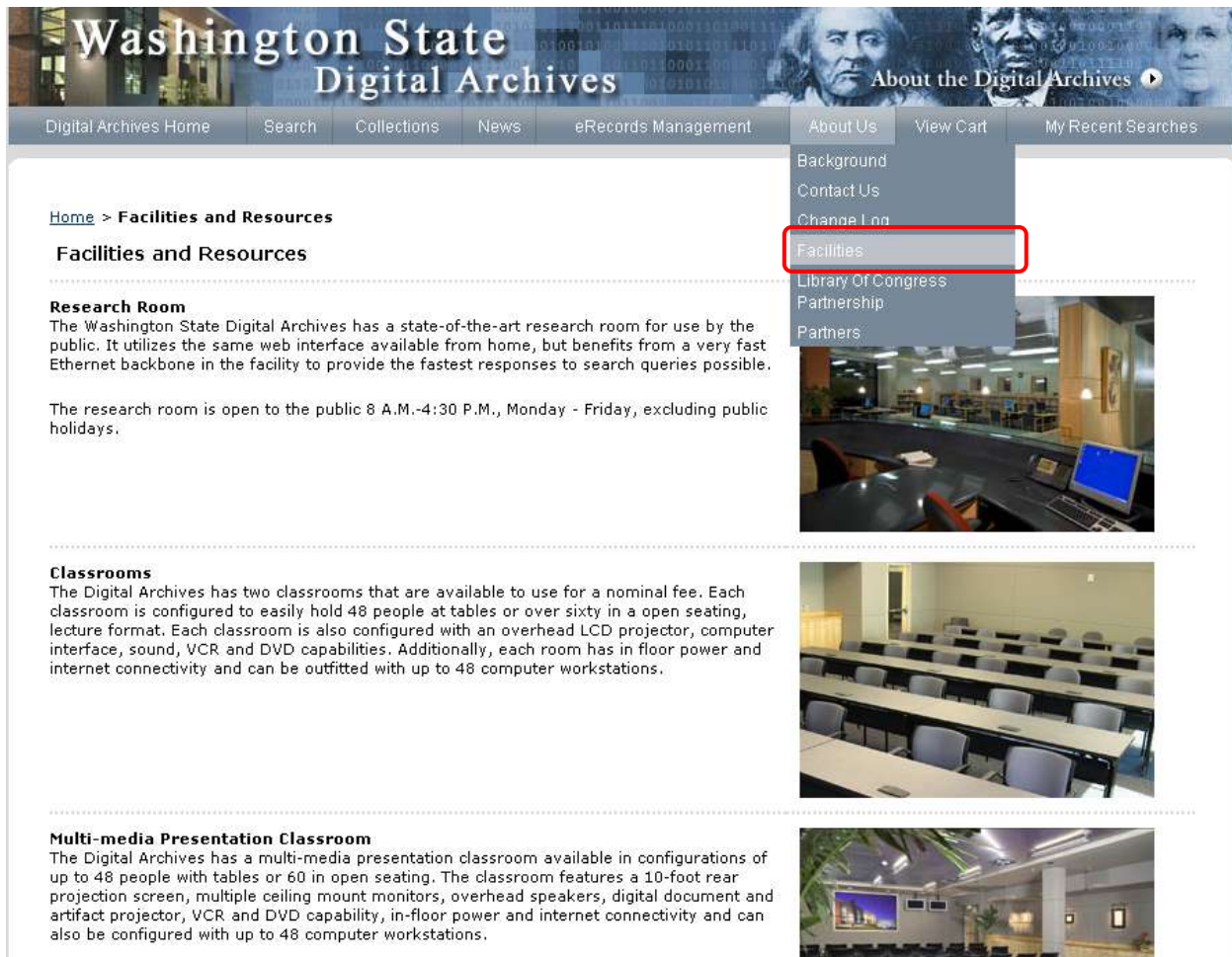
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What's a first-class Digital Archive program without a first-class facility to house it? Well, we have more than archival space and documents. We boast (proudly) several amenities to make your research easier. This page outlines them in detail, but three of our offerings are:

- high-speed web connections to all our collections in a spacious research room,
- two classrooms capable of supporting up to 48 computers for group learning and research and
- a state-of-the-art multi-media room for lectures and further classroom functions.

The building that houses the Digital Archives is not your typical State warehouse. Completed in 2004, it was built specifically for housing the paper archives as well as the hardware required to manage and support the Digital Archives.



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Facilities and Resources

Research Room
The Washington State Digital Archives has a state-of-the-art research room for use by the public. It utilizes the same web interface available from home, but benefits from a very fast Ethernet backbone in the facility to provide the fastest responses to search queries possible.

The research room is open to the public 8 A.M.-4:30 P.M., Monday - Friday, excluding public holidays.

Classrooms
The Digital Archives has two classrooms that are available to use for a nominal fee. Each classroom is configured to easily hold 48 people at tables or over sixty in an open seating, lecture format. Each classroom is also configured with an overhead LCD projector, computer interface, sound, VCR and DVD capabilities. Additionally, each room has in floor power and internet connectivity and can be outfitted with up to 48 computer workstations.

Multi-media Presentation Classroom
The Digital Archives has a multi-media presentation classroom available in configurations of up to 48 people with tables or 60 in open seating. The classroom features a 10-foot rear projection screen, multiple ceiling mount monitors, overhead speakers, digital document and artifact projector, VCR and DVD capability, in-floor power and internet connectivity and can also be configured with up to 48 computer workstations.

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As stated earlier, we have a strong partnership with the Library of Congress in Washington DC, in an effort to bring digital archives together from around the nation. Our leadership in the area of Digital Archiving has made Washington State the trend-setter (and envy) of the nation.

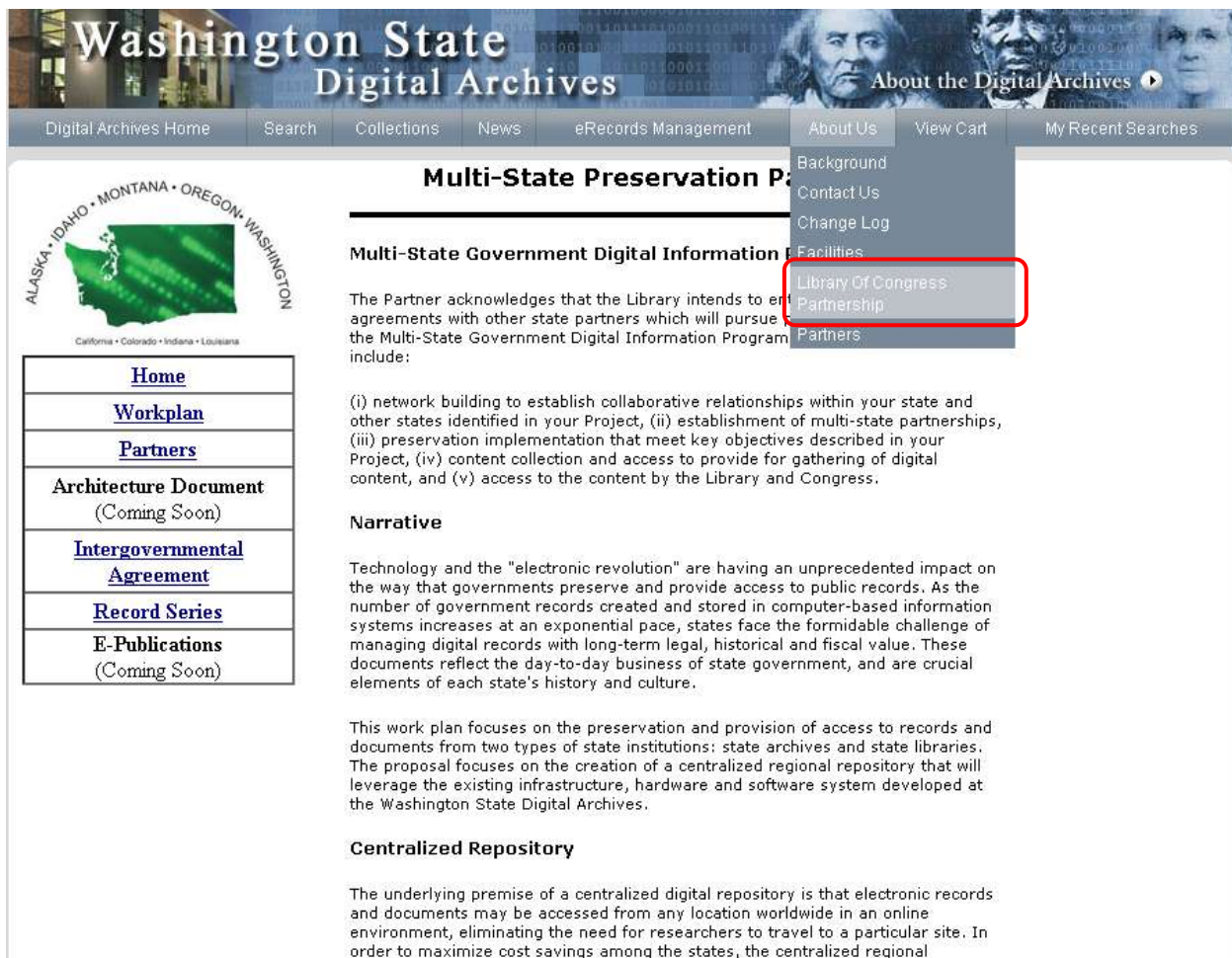
In addition to the Library of Congress, we currently partner with several states:

Colorado
Montana

Illinois
Nevada

Indiana
North Carolina

Louisiana
Oregon



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Multi-State Government Digital Information Program

The Partner acknowledges that the Library intends to enter into agreements with other state partners which will pursue the Multi-State Government Digital Information Program. The program includes:

- (i) network building to establish collaborative relationships within your state and other states identified in your Project, (ii) establishment of multi-state partnerships, (iii) preservation implementation that meet key objectives described in your Project, (iv) content collection and access to provide for gathering of digital content, and (v) access to the content by the Library and Congress.

Narrative

Technology and the "electronic revolution" are having an unprecedented impact on the way that governments preserve and provide access to public records. As the number of government records created and stored in computer-based information systems increases at an exponential pace, states face the formidable challenge of managing digital records with long-term legal, historical and fiscal value. These documents reflect the day-to-day business of state government, and are crucial elements of each state's history and culture.

This work plan focuses on the preservation and provision of access to records and documents from two types of state institutions: state archives and state libraries. The proposal focuses on the creation of a centralized regional repository that will leverage the existing infrastructure, hardware and software system developed at the Washington State Digital Archives.

Centralized Repository

The underlying premise of a centralized digital repository is that electronic records and documents may be accessed from any location worldwide in an online environment, eliminating the need for researchers to travel to a particular site. In order to maximize cost savings among the states, the centralized regional

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The Digital Archives couldn't exist without support from each of our partners. From Eastern Washington University, which hosts our building, to Dell, Cisco and Microsoft (to name a few) supplying our technology infrastructure, the Digital Archives is the culmination of joint efforts by all to preserve our State's heritage and history. And all of this is available to the public, either onsite in Cheney, Washington, from 8:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, or online 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/>.

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Advanced Digital Information Corporation
Advanced Digital Information Corporation is a recognized leader in data storage for the open systems market. ADIC is the world's largest supplier of automated tape storage systems using the drive technologies most often employed for backing up open-system, client-server networks. The Digital Archives is using the ADIC automated tape library which is resold under the Dell label.

Cisco Systems
Cisco Systems, Inc. is the worldwide leader in network connectivity and security. Cisco is the primary supplier of routers, switches and firewall appliances for the Digital Archives.

Dell
On a global scale, Dell manufactures and sells computing and networking hardware - ranging from personal workstations to enterprise-scale Storage Area Networks (SANs). Dell/EMC and Dell/ADIC are supplying the Digital Archives with a SAN and integrated automated tape library.

Eastern Washington University
EWU is a regional, comprehensive public university located in Cheney, Washington, with programs also offered in Spokane, Bellevue, Everett, Kent, Seattle, Shoreline, Tacoma and Vancouver. The University offers nearly 200 fields of study with a focus on career preparation with a strong underpinning in the liberal arts. Eastern is a driving force for the culture, economy and vitality of the Inland Northwest region. The University's beautiful campus, NCAA Division I athletics and opportunities for hands-on, real-world learning provide a classic, yet unique college experience.

EDS
EDS provides a broad portfolio of business and technology solutions to help its clients worldwide improve their business performance. EDS' core portfolio comprises information-technology, applications and business process services, as well as information-technology transformation services. In partnership with Microsoft, EDS provided the programming and application development for the customized solution for indexing and archiving electronic records coming

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Manager to Checkstand 5!

The Digital Archives allows online purchasing of items using your major credit card. When I passed through the line, I had an empty cart...



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Save a Search, Save Time

As a user of our website, a feature that can make your life easier is our “Recent Searches.” Each time you run a search, the criteria is saved so you don’t have to enter the same search criteria every time. Just jump to the “My Recent Searches” page and click on the search that you have come to know and love so well! However the saved search list only lasts as long as you’re on our website; so once you close the site, the search list goes away. But while you’re visiting our site, your time can be better spent on researching, rather than “re-searching!”

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Thurston Marriage Records Name Search: Simko, Sharon

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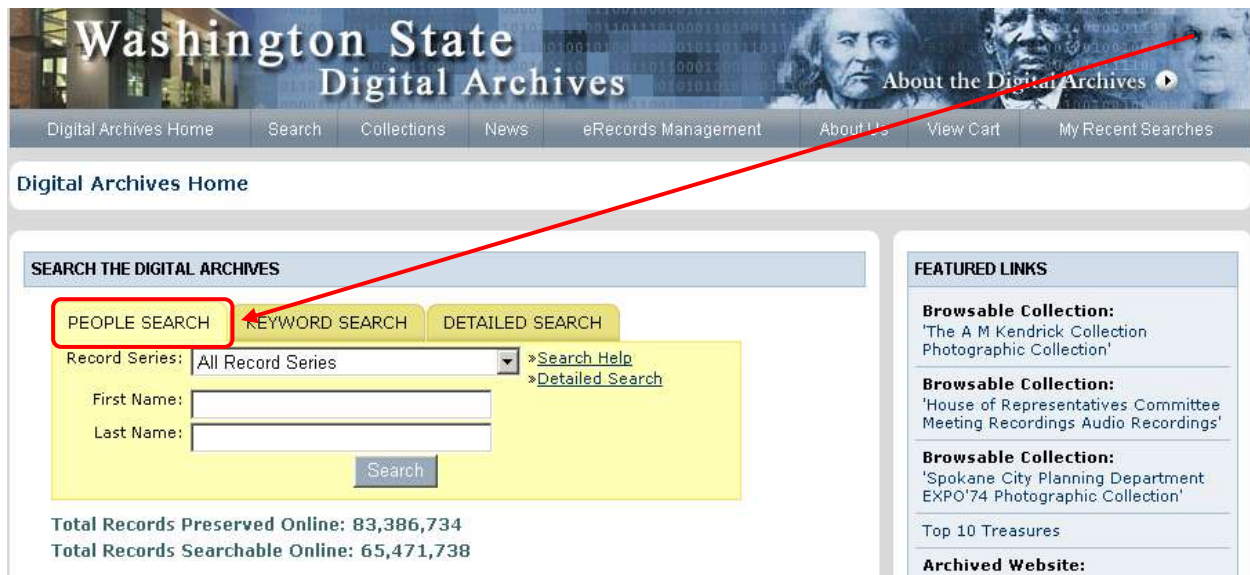
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People Search

Open your browser, navigate to the Digital Archives website www.digitalarchives.wa.gov and click on the “People Search” tab. (figure 1)



The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and navigation links. The main content area features a search section with three tabs: 'PEOPLE SEARCH', 'KEYWORD SEARCH', and 'DETAILED SEARCH'. The 'PEOPLE SEARCH' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs is a search form with fields for 'Record Series' (set to 'All Record Series'), 'First Name', and 'Last Name', along with a 'Search' button. To the right of the search form are links for 'Search Help' and 'Detailed Search'. On the right side of the page, there is a 'FEATURED LINKS' section with three 'Browsable Collection' items and a link to 'Top 10 Treasures'.

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PEOPLE SEARCH KEYWORD SEARCH DETAILED SEARCH

Record Series: All Record Series [Search Help](#) [Detailed Search](#)

First Name:

Last Name:

Total Records Preserved Online: 83,386,734
Total Records Searchable Online: 65,471,738

FEATURED LINKS

Browsable Collection:
'The A M Kendrick Collection Photographic Collection'

Browsable Collection:
'House of Representatives Committee Meeting Recordings Audio Recordings'

Browsable Collection:
'Spokane City Planning Department EXPO'74 Photographic Collection'

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Archived Website:

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Using the “People Search” feature, users can search a record series using a First Name and/or a Last Name. In the “Record Series” drop down list, select “Marriage Records.” Enter “Michael” in the “First Name” box and “Jackson” in the “Last Name” box. Next, click the “Search” button. (figure 2)

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SEARCH THE DIGITAL ARCHIVES

PEOPLE SEARCH KEYWORD SEARCH DETAILED SEARCH

Record Series: Marriage Records [» Search Help](#) [» Detailed Search](#)

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Jackson

Search

Total Records Preserved Online: 83,391,332
Total Records Searchable Online: 65,476,336

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Browsable Collection:
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Browsable Collection:
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Archived Website:

figure 2

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The application will navigate to the “Detailed Search” page. Under “Search Results,” there will be a Record Series name (“Marriage Records”) with a link (Show All Records), a plus sign and the number of records returned by the search (in this case, there are 141 records returned). If the list is not expanded, you can click on the plus sign to expand the Record Series into its resulting titles. (figure 3)

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Search Options

Record Series: Marriage Records [What Does this include?](#)

County: -- All Counties --

Title: -- All Titles --

Groom: Last First Middle

Bride: Last First Middle

Marriage Year: From To

Select Options: ☐ Use Soundex for names

Search Clear Form

Have a research question? Ask An Archivist!

Search Results

Record Series	Results Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marriage Records (Show All Records)	141

Title Name	Results Count
Asotin Marriage Records	1
Chelan Marriage Records	1
Clark Marriage Records	9
Franklin Marriage Records	2
Grays Harbor Marriage Records	3
Kitsap Marriage Records	13
Lincoln Marriage Records	1
Pierce Marriage Records	38
Snohomish Marriage Records	42
Spokane Marriage Records	15
Thurston Marriage Records	13
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Or, you can click on the “Show All Records” link to display a listing of all records for all titles for that specific search. (figure 4) Things to know about this view are:

1. To sort by a column, click on the white triangle in the gray box for that column.
2. To advance to another page of results, click the single blue triangle. To advance to the last page of results, click the double blue triangle.
3. To go to a specific page of results, and avoid clicking through each page, you can “jump” by selecting a page number from the drop down list.
4. To see more than 10 results per page, select a new number from the drop down list.
5. You’ll know if there is an image associated with the result if there is a small image in the image column. If not, it will say “N/A.”

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Detailed Search

Search Options

Record Series: Marriage Records [What Does this include?](#)

County: -- All Counties --

Title: -- All Titles --

Groom: Last First Middle

Bride: Last First Middle

Marriage Year: From To

Select Options: ☐ Use [Soundex](#) for names

[Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

Search Results

Search Results For: Marriage Records 141 Matches

Groom Last Name	Groom First Name	Bride Last Name	Bride First Name	Recording Year	Marriage Year	County	Image
Ballew	Michael Scott	Jackson	Jana Denise	1995		Snohomish	N / A
Ballew	Michael Scott	Jackson	Jana Denise	1995		Snohomish	N / A
Bates	Michael J	Jackson	Sandra		1970	Clark	
Bedsworth	Michael Lee	Jackson	Kimberlee Sue	1985		Snohomish	N / A
Bedsworth	Michael Lee	Jackson	Kimberlee Sue	1985		Snohomish	N / A
Bedsworth	Michael Lee	Jackson	Kimberlee Sue		1985	Snohomish	
Breman	Michael W	Jackson	Pamela Ann		1966	Grays Harbor	
Buser	Michael H	Jackson	Lettie M		1973	Clark	
Carpenter	Michael A	Jackson	Kathy Jean	1982		Snohomish	N / A
Carpenter	Michael A	Jackson	Kathy Jean	1982		Snohomish	N / A

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Records Per Page: 10

figure 4

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From the Record Series/Title Name result page, click on the title you want to view. It will highlight yellow when your mouse is over the record. Notice that there are nine results for “Clark Marriage Records.” (figure 5)

Search Results	
Record Series	Results Count
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Records (Show All Records)	141
Title Name	Results Count
Asotin Marriage Records	1
Chelan Marriage Records	1
Clark Marriage Records	9
Franklin Marriage Records	2
Grays Harbor Marriage Records	3
Kitsap Marriage Records	13
Lincoln Marriage Records	1
Pierce Marriage Records	38
Snohomish Marriage Records	42
Spokane Marriage Records	15
Thurston Marriage Records	13
Walla Walla Marriage Records	3

figure 5

Once “Clark Marriage Records” is selected, the page will change the results count to nine from 141 because you are now looking at a single title instead of the entire search result. You’ll also notice that the page has changed to look like the “Show All Records” page (previous figure 4). Click on the record you want to view (“Seibert, Verna H”). It will highlight yellow when your mouse is over the record. Based on the information found with figure 4, you’ll notice that there will be an image associated with this record. (figure 6)






Search Results							
Search Results For: Marriage Records							
							9 Matches
Groom Last Name	Groom First Name	Bride Last Name	Bride First Name	Recording Year	Marriage Year	County	Image
Bates	Michael J	Jackson	Sandra		1970	Clark	
Buser	Michael H	Jackson	Lettie M		1973	Clark	
Delaney	Michael Jr J	Jackson	Mary Elizabeth		1974	Clark	
Jackson	Michael V	Hawkins	Rebecca J		1971	Clark	
Jackson	Michael Gerald	Kelly	Marilyn Louise		1982	Clark	
Jackson	Michael L	Reames	Rebecca L		1988	Clark	
Jackson	Michael Jr M	Seibert	Verna H		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Michael H	Simington	Shalonda L		1990	Clark	
Jensen	Michael K	Jackson	Sheila C		1990	Clark	

figure 6

Marriage Record Series

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From the “Show All Records” page, selecting the record is the same as shown in figure 6. Click on the record you want to view (“Seibert, Verna H”). It will highlight yellow when your mouse is over the record. (figure 7)

Search Results							
Search Results For: Marriage Records							141 Matches
Groom Last Name	Groom First Name	Bride Last Name	Bride First Name	Recording Year	Marriage Year	County	Image
▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Jackson	Michael S	Petrak	Natacha T	1991		Spokane	
Jackson	Michael Allan	Ray	Donna Vernethia	1985		Pierce	N / A
Jackson	Michael L	Reames	Rebecca L		1988	Clark	
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Steve	Robertson	Judy Diane	1975		Kitsap	
Jackson	Michael Jr M	Seibert	Verna H		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Michael H	Simington	Shaionda L		1990	Clark	

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figure 7

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The application will navigate to the “View Record” page where the metadata of the record selected is located on the left and the image on the right. To view the image, if there is one associated with the record, click on the icon in the “Available Images” box. It will expand into a viewable image through the DJVU browser or it will give you an option to save it as a JPEG file. To add a comment or question, click on the “Add Comments or Questions” button. (figure 8)

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View Record

Michael Jr M Jackson - Verna H Seibert - Clark Marriage Records

Record Series:	Marriage Records
Collection:	Clark Marriage Records ?
County:	Clark
Document Number:	swclmcc60670
Groom's Name:	Michael Jr M Jackson
Bride's Name:	Verna H Seibert
Marriage Date:	8/17/1934 12:00:00 AM
County :	Clark
Notes:	

Metadata

[Add Comments or Questions](#)

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figure 8

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The instructions for this page are fairly self-explanatory. “Questions” are for alleged transcription errors, “Comments” are for extra information not found in the record. Click the appropriate radio button to identify what type of note you are sending. When finished, click the “Submit” button. (figure 9)

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Send Questions or Comments

Question or Comment

Questions ☐ Use the QUESTION button to point out a **transcription error** or ask a research question about this record. Your question will be answered by an archivist and will not be attached to the record for public display.

Comments ☐ Use the COMMENT button to submit additional information not found in this record. Your comment will be attached to the record for public display.

Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Your Email:

Your Message:

Comments posted to the record are monitored by the Washington State Archives staff. We reserve the right to hide inappropriate language or comments. Any URLs (website addresses) appearing in the comments will display as text, and not as active links.

Submit

figure 9

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The image in the default (DJVU) browser. Please go to Appendix C, "The DJVU Image Tool Bar" for information on what the DJVU toolbar buttons can do. (figure 10)

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Certificate of Marriage 60670 B974

STATE OF WASHINGTON } ss.
County of Clark }

I Hereby Certify. That on the 17th day of August,
in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty four,
at Vancouver, in the County and State aforesaid, I, the undersigned, a
Justice of the Peace, by authority of a License bearing date the 17th
day of August, A.D., 1934, and issued by the County Auditor of Clark County, Washington,

Did Join in Lawful Wedlock

at 3 - 00 o'clock PM.

Michael M. Jackson, Jr. of the County of Washington, State of Oregon, and
Verna H. Seibert, of the County of Washington, State of Oregon.

Justice of the Peace
OFFICIAL STATION

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Frieda Liebert
WITNESSES

Frank E. Vaughan
WITNESSES

Signed Michael M. Jackson Jr. GROOM
Signed Verna H. Seibert BRIDE

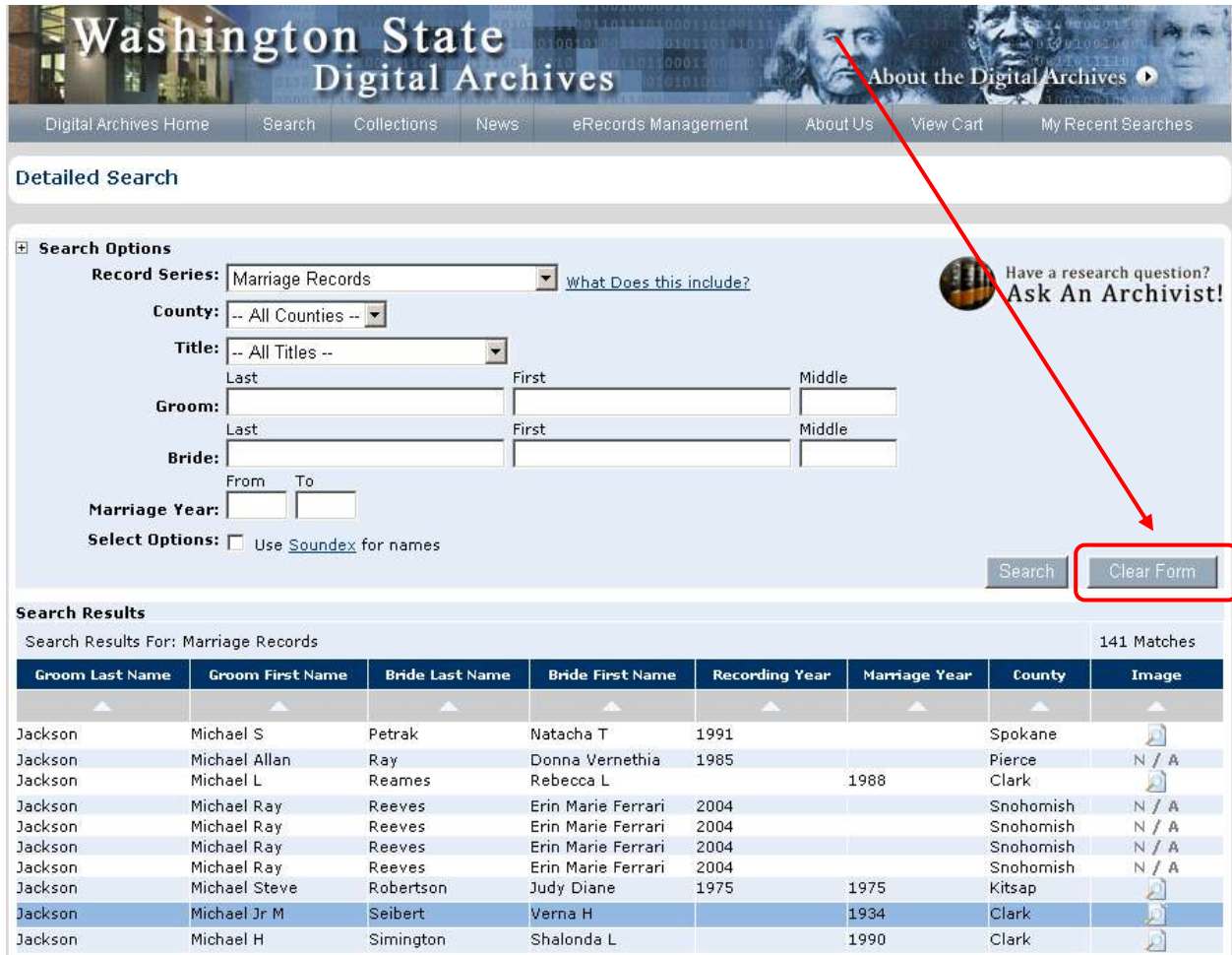
NOTE—This Certificate must be returned to County Clerk of the County in which marriage is performed within ten days of the date of marriage.

figure 10

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To begin another search, users may clear the form of their selected Record Series by clicking the “Clear Form” button. (figure 11)



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Detailed Search

Search Options

Record Series: Marriage Records [What Does this include?](#)

County: -- All Counties --

Title: -- All Titles --

Groom: Last First Middle

Bride: Last First Middle

Marriage Year: From To

Select Options: ☐ Use [Soundex](#) for names

[Have a research question? Ask An Archivist!](#)

[Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

Search Results

Search Results For: Marriage Records 141 Matches

Groom Last Name	Groom First Name	Bride Last Name	Bride First Name	Recording Year	Marriage Year	County	Image
Jackson	Michael S	Petrak	Natacha T	1991		Spokane	
Jackson	Michael Allan	Ray	Donna Vernethia	1985		Pierce	N / A
Jackson	Michael L	Reames	Rebecca L		1988	Clark	
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Ray	Reeves	Erin Marie Ferrari	2004		Snohomish	N / A
Jackson	Michael Steve	Robertson	Judy Diane	1975	1975	Kitsap	
Jackson	Michael Jr M	Seibert	Verna H		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Michael H	Simington	Shalonda L		1990	Clark	

figure 11

Marriage Record Series

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The form is now cleared and ready for another search. (figure 12)



The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header features the site's name and a navigation menu with links: Digital Archives Home, Search, Collections, News, eRecords Management, About Us, View Cart, and My Recent Searches. Below the header is a 'Detailed Search' section. On the left, under 'Search Options', there are three dropdown menus: 'Record Series' (set to 'Select Record Series'), 'County' (set to '-- All Counties --'), and 'Title' (set to '-- All Titles --'). On the right, there is a circular icon with books and the text 'Have a research question? Ask An Archivist!'. At the bottom right of the search options are two buttons: 'Search' and 'Clear Form'. Below the search options is a 'Search Results' section, which is currently empty.

figure 12

Marriage Record Series

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Detailed Search

Open your browser and navigate to the Digital Archives website (www.digitalarchives.wa.gov).

To do a Detailed Search, select the “Detailed Search” tab or the “Detailed Search” link next to the “Record Series” drop down list. The application will navigate to the “Detailed Search” page. (figure 13)

The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and navigation links. The main content area has a search section with three tabs: PEOPLE SEARCH, KEYWORD SEARCH, and DETAILED SEARCH. The DETAILED SEARCH tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs, there is a 'Record Series' dropdown menu set to 'All Record Series', with a red box around the '»Detailed Search' link next to it. There are also input fields for 'First Name' and 'Last Name', and a 'Search' button. To the right, there is a 'FEATURED LINKS' section with three collections: 'The A M Kendrick Collection', 'House of Representatives Committee Meeting Recordings', and 'Spokane City Planning Department EXPO'74 Photographic Collection'. At the bottom, it shows 'Total Records Preserved Online: 83,386,734' and 'Total Records Searchable Online: 65,471,738'.

figure 13

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On the “Detailed Search” page, under the “Search Options,” select “Marriage Records” in the “Record Series” drop down list. (figure 14)

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Detailed Search

Search Options

Record Series: Marriage Records [What Does this include?](#)

County: -- All Counties --

Title: -- All Titles --

Groom: Last First Middle

Bride: Last First Middle

Marriage Year: From To

Select Options: ☐ Use [Soundex](#) for names

[Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

Search Results

figure 14

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By clicking the “What Does this include?” link next to the “Record Series” drop down list, you will be shown a page with all of the available titles for that specific record series. (figure 15)

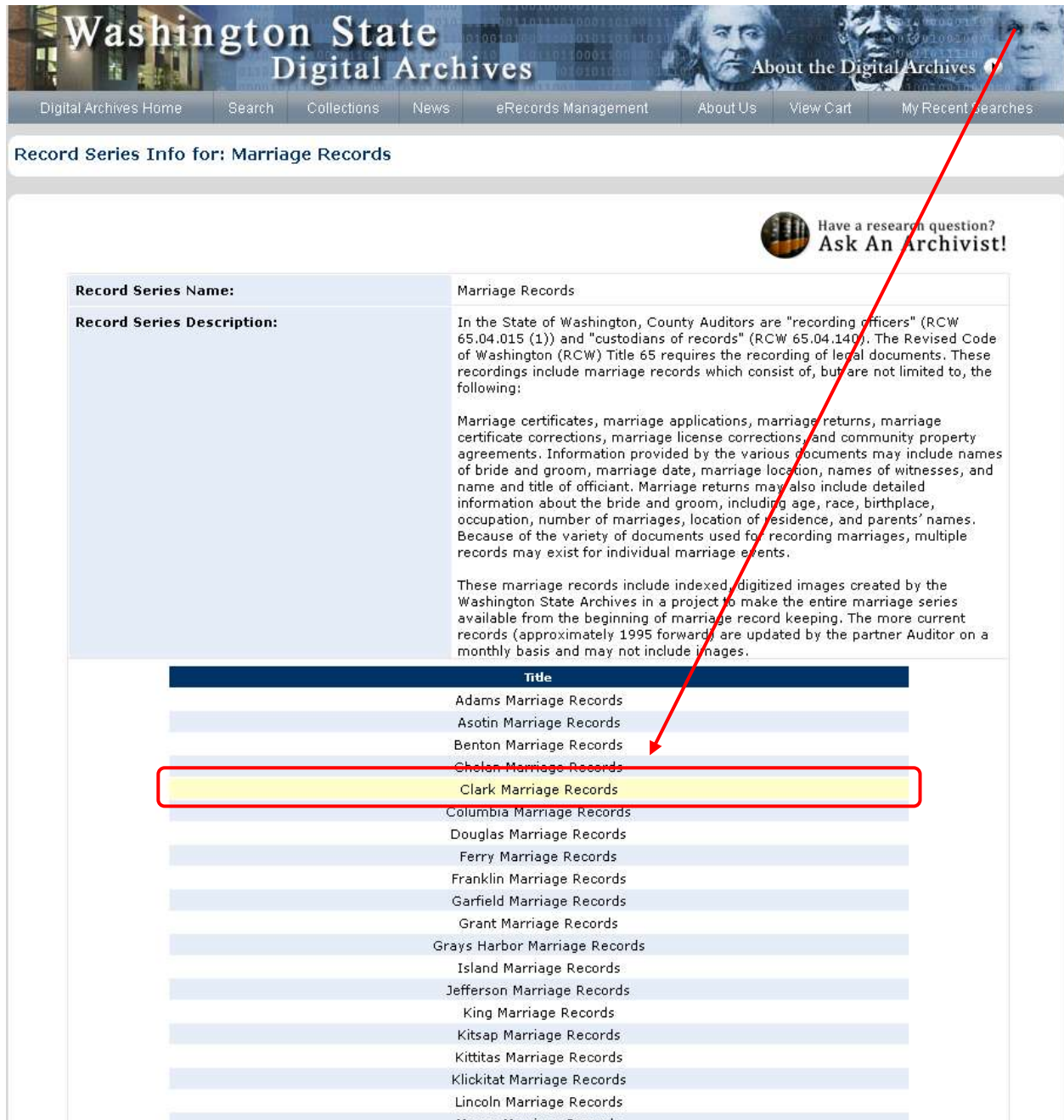


figure 15

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This page displays the available titles for the “Marriage Records” record series. You can search within a title by clicking on it. It will highlight yellow when your mouse is over the record. (figure 16)



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Record Series Info for: Marriage Records

Have a research question?
Ask An Archivist!

Record Series Name: Marriage Records

Record Series Description:

In the State of Washington, County Auditors are "recording officers" (RCW 65.04.015 (1)) and "custodians of records" (RCW 65.04.140). The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Title 65 requires the recording of legal documents. These recordings include marriage records which consist of, but are not limited to, the following:

Marriage certificates, marriage applications, marriage returns, marriage certificate corrections, marriage license corrections, and community property agreements. Information provided by the various documents may include names of bride and groom, marriage date, marriage location, names of witnesses, and name and title of officiant. Marriage returns may also include detailed information about the bride and groom, including age, race, birthplace, occupation, number of marriages, location of residence, and parents' names. Because of the variety of documents used for recording marriages, multiple records may exist for individual marriage events.

These marriage records include indexed, digitized images created by the Washington State Archives in a project to make the entire marriage series available from the beginning of marriage record keeping. The more current records (approximately 1995 forward) are updated by the partner Auditor on a monthly basis and may not include images.

Title
Adams Marriage Records
Asotin Marriage Records
Benton Marriage Records
Chelan Marriage Records
Clark Marriage Records
Columbia Marriage Records
Douglas Marriage Records
Ferry Marriage Records
Franklin Marriage Records
Garfield Marriage Records
Grant Marriage Records
Grays Harbor Marriage Records
Island Marriage Records
Jefferson Marriage Records
King Marriage Records
Kitsap Marriage Records
Kittitas Marriage Records
Klickitat Marriage Records
Lincoln Marriage Records
Mason Marriage Records

figure 16

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This page allows searching of the specific title. (figure 17)



The screenshot shows the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header includes the site name and navigation links. The main content area displays the title 'Clark Marriage Records' with an introduction and citation. Below this is a search form with fields for groom and bride names (Last, First, Middle) and marriage years (From, To). A 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

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Title Info for : Clark Marriage Records

Name: Clark Marriage Records

Introduction: Clark County Marriage Certificates and Marriage Returns 1889-1998.

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Search This Record Series:

Groom: Last First Middle

Bride: Last First Middle

Marriage Year: From To

Search

figure 17

Marriage Record Series

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Meanwhile, back at the main “Detailed Search” page...

To search for a specific record, select “Clark” in the “County” drop down list. Type “Jackson” in the “Last” box for “Groom.” If the text you’re entering is longer than the box will allow, that’s OK. It should get you close enough. Type “1934” in both “Marriage Year” boxes (“From” and “To”). Click on the “Search” button. (figure 18)

The screenshot shows the "Detailed Search" page of the Washington State Digital Archives. The page has a header with the site name and navigation links. Below the header, the "Search Options" section contains several input fields. Red boxes and arrows highlight the following fields: "County" (set to "Clark"), "Groom" Last name (set to "Jackson"), "Marriage Year" From and To (both set to "1934"), and the "Search" button. A "Clear Form" button is also visible. To the right of the search options, there is a link to "Ask An Archivist!"

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Search Options

Record Series: Marriage Records

County: Clark

Title: -- All Titles --

Groom: Jackson

Bride:

Marriage Year: From 1934 To 1934

Select Options: ☐ Use Soundex for names

Search

Clear Form

figure 18

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Eight matches were found to be associated with this search criteria. To view the record, click on it. It will highlight yellow when your mouse is over the record. (figure 19)

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Detailed Search

Search Options

Record Series: Marriage Records [What Does this include?](#)

County: Clark

Title: -- All Titles --

Groom: Last Jackson First Middle

Bride: Last First Middle

Marriage Year: From 1934 To 1934

Select Options: ☐ Use [Soundex](#) for names

[Search](#) [Clear Form](#)

[Have a research question? Ask An Archivist!](#)

Search Results

Search Results For: Marriage Records

8 Matches

Groom Last Name	Groom First Name	Bride Last Name	Bride First Name	Recording Year	Marriage Year	County	Image
Jackson	Everett	Cassidy	Catherine		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Daniel R	Hayden	Esther		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Carl W	Larsen	Clarissa S		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Noble H	Ritchie	Emma May		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Clifford B	Rondeau	Charlotte A		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Michael Jr M	Seibert	Verna H		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Otis Kenneth	Skar	Bernice		1934	Clark	
Jackson	William H	Teufel	Dorothy		1934	Clark	

figure 19

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View Record

Michael Jr M Jackson - Verna H Seibert - Clark Marriage Records

Record Series:	Marriage Records
Collection:	Clark Marriage Records ?
County:	Clark
Document Number:	swdtkmc60670
Groom's Name:	Michael Jr M Jackson
Bride's Name:	Verna H Seibert
Marriage Date:	8/17/1934 12:00:00 AM
County :	Clark
Notes:	

Metadata

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Send Questions or Comments

Question or Comment

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Comments ☐ Use the COMMENT button to submit additional information not found in this record. Your comment will be attached to the record for public display.

Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Your Email:

Your Message:

Comments posted to the record are monitored by the Washington State Archives staff. We reserve the right to hide inappropriate language or comments. Any URLs (website addresses) appearing in the comments will display as text, and not as active links.

Submit

figure 21

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The image in the default (DJVU) browser. Please go to Appendix C, "The DJVU Image Tool Bar" for information on what the DJVU toolbar buttons can do. (figure 22)

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Certificate of Marriage 60670 B974

STATE OF WASHINGTON } ss.
County of Clark }

I Hereby Certify. That on the 17th day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty four, at Vancouver, in the County and State aforesaid, I, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, by authority of a License bearing date the 17th day of August, A.D., 1934, and issued by the County Auditor of Clark County, Washington.

Did Join in Lawful Wedlock

at 3 - 00 o'clock P.M.

Michael M. Jackson, Jr., of the County of Washington, State of Oregon, and Verna H. Seibert, of the County of Washington, State of Oregon.

NAME OF PARTY PERFORMING MARRIAGE
Justice of the Peace, OFFICIAL STATION

IN THE PRESENCE OF
Frieda Liebert
Frank E. Vaughan
WITNESSES

Signed: Michael M. Jackson, Jr., GROOM
Signed: Verna H. Seibert, BRIDE

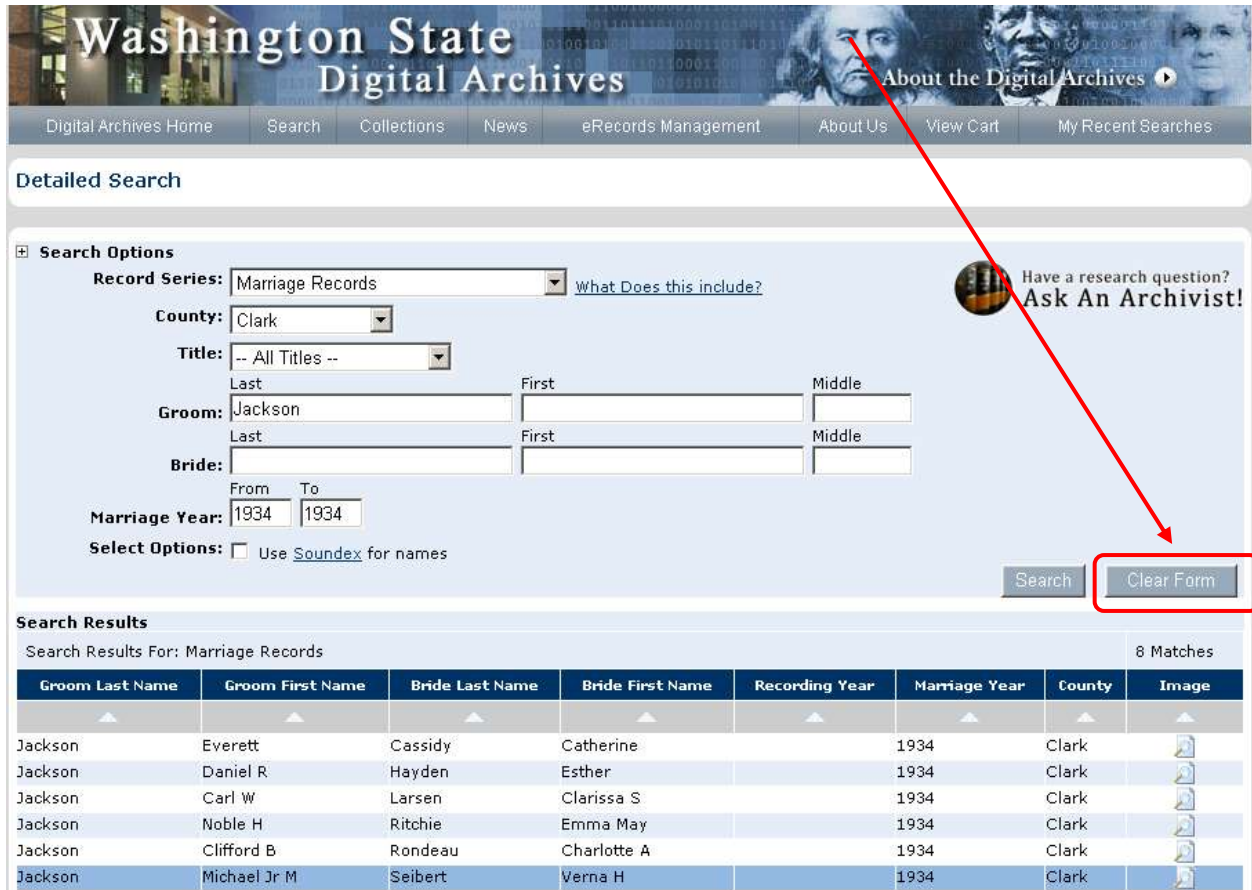
NOTE—This Certificate must be returned to County Clerk of the County in which marriage is performed within ten days of the date of marriage.

figure 22

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To begin another search, users may clear the form of their selected Record Series by clicking the “Clear Form” button. (figure 23)



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Detailed Search

Search Options

Record Series: Marriage Records [What Does this include?](#)

County: Clark

Title: -- All Titles --

Groom: Last First Middle
Jackson

Bride: Last First Middle

Marriage Year: From 1934 To 1934

Select Options: ☐ Use [Soundex](#) for names

Search Clear Form

Search Results

Search Results For: Marriage Records 8 Matches

Groom Last Name	Groom First Name	Bride Last Name	Bride First Name	Recording Year	Marriage Year	County	Image
Jackson	Everett	Cassidy	Catherine		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Daniel R	Hayden	Esther		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Carl W	Larsen	Clarissa S		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Noble H	Ritchie	Emma May		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Clifford B	Rondeau	Charlotte A		1934	Clark	
Jackson	Michael Jr M	Seibert	Verna H		1934	Clark	

figure 23

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The form is now cleared and ready for another search. (figure 24)



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figure 24

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Appendix A

Searchable Record Series

Record Series available for searching by "People:"

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SEARCH THE DIGITAL ARCHIVES

PEOPLE SEARCH KEYWORD SEARCH DETAILED SEARCH

Record Series: All Record Series >Search Help >Detailed Search

First Name: All Record Series

Last Name: Birth Records

Total Records: 1

Total Records: 1

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King County Marriage Records Series is now available online

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Browsable Collection:
'House of Representatives Committee Meeting Recordings Audio Recordings'

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Archived Website:
Governor Lowry

Archived Website:
Governor Locke

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Record Series available for searching by "Keyword:"

The screenshot displays the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header features the site's name and a navigation bar with links: Digital Archives Home, Search, Collections, News, eRecords Management, About Us, View Cart, and My Recent Searches. Below the header, the 'Digital Archives Home' section is visible. The main content area is titled 'SEARCH THE DIGITAL ARCHIVES' and includes three tabs: PEOPLE SEARCH, KEYWORD SEARCH, and DETAILED SEARCH. The KEYWORD SEARCH tab is active, showing a search form with fields for 'Record Series' and 'Keywords'. The 'Record Series' dropdown menu is open, listing various record types: All Record Series, Audio Records, E-Publication Records, Corporation Records, Frontier Justice, Land Records, Minute/Resolution/Ordinance Records, Minute Records, Ordinance Records, Photographs, Plats and Surveys, and Resolution Records. To the right of the search form, there are links for 'Search Help' and 'Detailed Search'. Below the search form, a 'NEWS' section with an RSS icon is visible, along with a banner for 'World War I Veterans' Records now available online'. On the right side of the page, a 'FEATURED LINKS' section lists several collections and websites, including 'The A M Kendrick Collection Photographic Collection', 'House of Representatives Committee Meeting Recordings Audio Recordings', 'Spokane City Planning Department EXPO'74 Photographic Collection', 'Top 10 Treasures', 'Governor Lowry', and 'Governor Locke'. At the bottom of the featured links, there is a link for 'Have a research question?'.

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SEARCH THE DIGITAL ARCHIVES

PEOPLE SEARCH KEYWORD SEARCH DETAILED SEARCH

Record Series: All Record Series

Keywords: All Record Series

Audio Records

E-Publication Records

Corporation Records

Frontier Justice

Land Records

Minute/Resolution/Ordinance Records

Minute Records

Ordinance Records

Photographs

Plats and Surveys

Resolution Records

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NEWS

World War I Veterans' Records now available online

FEATURED LINKS

Browsable Collection:
'The A M Kendrick Collection Photographic Collection'

Browsable Collection:
'House of Representatives Committee Meeting Recordings Audio Recordings'

Browsable Collection:
'Spokane City Planning Department EXPO'74 Photographic Collection'

Top 10 Treasures

Archived Website:
Governor Lowry

Archived Website:
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Record Series available for searching by “Details:”

The screenshot displays the Washington State Digital Archives website. The header features the site's name and a navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Detailed Search" and contains a search form. The "Record Series" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of available record series. The "Search" and "Clear Form" buttons are visible. The footer includes site links, eRecords management information, and contact details.

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Detailed Search

Search Options

Record Series: Select Record Series

County: Select Record Series

Title:

- Agreements and Contracts
- Audio Recordings
- Birth Records
- Census Records
- Corporations Records
- Death Records
- E-Publication Records
- Frontier Justice
- Institution Records
- Land Records
- Marriage Records
- Military Records
- Minute/Resolution/Ordinance Records
- Minute Records
- Misc Auditor Records
- Misc Family History
- Naturalization Records
- Oaths of Office Records
- Ordinance Records
- Photographs
- Plats and Surveys
- Power of Attorney Records
- Professional License Records
- Resolution Records
- Uniform Commercial Code Recordings

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Summary of Searches by Type

People Search (available record series)

- Agreements and Contracts
- Birth Records
- Census Records
- Death Records
- E-Publication Records
- Frontier Justice
- Institution Records
- Land Records
- Marriage Records
- Military Records
- Misc Auditor Records
- Misc Family History
- Naturalization Records
- Oaths of Office Records
- Plats and Surveys
- Power of Attorney Records
- Professional License Records
- Uniform Commercial Code Recordings

Keyword Search (available record series)

- Audio Records
- Corporation Records
- E-Publication Records
- Frontier Justice
- Land Records
- Minute Records
- Minute/Resolution/Ordinance Records
- Ordinance Records
- Photographs
- Plats and Surveys
- Resolution Records

Detail Search (available record series)

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- Agreements and Contracts
- Audio Records
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- E-Publication Records
- Frontier Justice
- Institution Records
- Land Records
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- Minute Records
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- Misc Family History
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Summary of Searches by Record Series

Agreements and Contracts

- People Search
- Detail Search

Audio Records

- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Birth Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Census Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Corporation Records

- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Death Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

E-Publication Records

- People Search
- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Frontier Justice

- People Search
- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Institution Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

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Land Records

- People Search
- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Marriage Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Military Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Minute Records

- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Minute/Resolution/Ordinance Records

- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Misc Auditor Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Misc Family History

- People Search
- Detail Search

Naturalization Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Oaths of Office Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Ordinance Records

- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Photographs

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- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Plats and Surveys

- People Search
- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Power of Attorney Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Professional License Records

- People Search
- Detail Search

Resolution Records

- Keyword Search
- Detail Search

Uniform Commercial Code Recordings

- People Search
- Detail Search

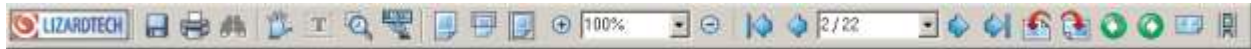
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Appendix C

The DJVU Image Tool Bar

While using the DJVU browser to inspect images available through some record series, you have at your disposal ***“The Tool Bar.”*** Each button has a specific action that can make your life a bit easier when looking at an image. Depending on the type of image you’re looking at, the tool bar’s buttons are arranged in a way that is intended to best fit the needs of that particular image. Any button that has color is called “enabled” and is functional. If the button’s picture is “grayed out” (no color), it is considered “disabled” and will not work. Following is a brief explanation of each button.



“The Tool Bar”



<http://www.lizardtech.com/djvucontrol>

This is really more of an image than an actual button. Clicking this image will take you to the website where you can get the DJVU browser plug-in.



Save Document

If you want to save a copy of the image you’re looking at, click the **“Save Document”** button. You’ll be able to save the image anywhere on your hard drive (or network) you want.



Print

You can print a copy of the image without saving it by clicking the **“Print”** button.



Find text in the DjVu document

If the image can be “read” by the DJVU browser, you can perform a text search within the image to find certain words or phrases by clicking the **“Find text in the DjVu document.”** This is an example of a “disabled” button, which will not work.



Pan mode

By using the **“Pan Mode”** function, you can click anywhere on the document and, by holding down the mouse button, drag the image to view different areas. It acts the same as scrolling, but can cause the image to move in any direction.



Select text

Similarly to the “Find text in the DjVu document” button, if the image has text that can be searched, you can highlight (select) the text for a copy/paste operation. If the image

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doesn't have this ability, the **"Select text"** button will be "disabled."



Zoom selected area

Using the **"Zoom selected area"** button allows you to hold down the mouse button and drag an area of the document, creating an area that will enlarge for better viewing.



Ruler

The **"Ruler"** button allows you to determine the distance between two points on the image. Move the mouse cursor to the desired point on the image, then drag the mouse to the next point. The distance will display on the image between the two points.



100%.

Clicking the **"100%"** button will display the image in the window at actual size.



Fit Width

Clicking the **"Fit Width"** button will display the image in the window so that the entire width is visible.



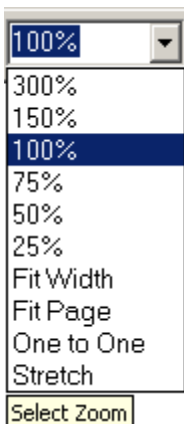
Fit Page

The **"Fit Page"** button will allow the display of the entire image in the window.



ZoomIn

To zoom in by increments, click the **"Zoom In"** button. Let's say you start out at 100%. Clicking this button will take you to the next highest level of magnification. In this case, 150%. Clicking it again will enlarge the image to 300%.



Rather than clicking the "Zoom In" and "Zoom Out" buttons, you can select the level of magnification by selecting one of the options from the **"Select Zoom"** drop down list. "Fit Width" and "Fit Page" duplicate the functionality of those buttons.

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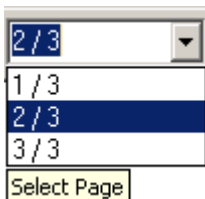
To zoom out by increments, click the **“Zoom Out”** button. Let’s say you start out at 100%. Clicking this button will take you to the next lowest level of magnification. In this case, 75%. Clicking it again will reduce the image to 50% and so on.



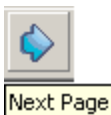
If you want to skip to the first page of a multiple page image, click the **“First Page”** button. This is very handy if you’re on say, page 32 of a 78 page image, and want to go back to page one. Rather than clicking “Previous Page” 32 times, click “First Page” once and BINGO... you’re there!



Suppose you want to move back only a few pages. Clicking the **“Previous Page”** button will take you back one page per click.



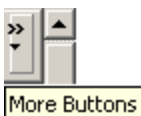
In the case of a 78 page image, you can “jump” to any page you wish by selecting it in the **“Select Page”** drop down list. If you’re on page 32, and want to go back to page 10, you could click the “First Page” button, then “Next Page” 10 times. Or you could select the page you want from this drop down list and go directly to the page you want.



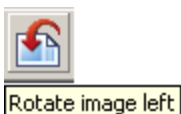
Suppose you want to move forward only a few pages. Clicking the **“Next Page”** button will move you forward one page per click.



So you’re one of those people who like looking at the end of the book to see “whodunit.” Instead of clicking through every page in a multiple page image, you can click the **“Last Page”** button. Just as the “First Page” button takes you to the beginning, the “Last Page” button takes you to the end.



Depending on the type of image you’re viewing, you may not see all of the available buttons. If you see a **“More Buttons”** button like this, click it to see a small grid with... you guessed it... more buttons on it! The following buttons were on the grid for the image I used in this example; but some may be visible for you from the get-go. Click it anyway to see what’s there.



Sometimes an image is sideways in the browser. To rotate the image to the **left** 90 degrees, click the **“Rotate image left”** button.

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Rotate image right

There may be another image sideways in the browser. To rotate the image to the **right** 90 degrees, click the “**Rotate image right**” button.



Go to previous view

Whatever the setting were for a previous viewing of the image, you can return to them by clicking this button. If the magnification was 150%, and you’re now at 50%, you can return to the previous magnification by clicking “**Go to previous view.**” It operates similarly to the “Back” button in your web browser.



Go to next view

Whatever the setting were for a previous viewing of the image, you can return to them by clicking this button.

Before you start scratching your head, what I mean is if you were looking at the image at 150%, but previously were viewing it at 50%, then clicked the “Go to previous view” button to return to the 50% view... <deep inhale>

you can return to the previous magnification (150%) by clicking “**Go to next view.**” It operates similarly to the “Forward” button in your web browser.



Double/Single page view

In a multiple page image, you can view either one or two pages in the browser. Clicking the “**Double/Single page view**” button will allow you to toggle between the two settings.



Show/Hide Thumbnail

Clicking the “**Show/Hide Thumbnail**” button will either hide or show a strip of “thumbnail” (small) images on the left side of the browser window. Clicking on a thumbnail image will take you to that page immediately. It works similarly to the “Select Page” drop down list, only is a more visual method.

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Appendix D

Got a Question?

On almost every “Search” page of the Digital Archives website, you will find this image:



Clicking on it will bring up a page where you can enter a question or comment that will be responded to by a Washington State Archivist. First, let us know who you are.

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Ask An Archivist

Please fill in the form below and click "Submit Request" to place a research request with the Washington State Archives. Please observe the following guidelines while placing a request:

- Please be as specific as possible in describing your request, including dates or date ranges, locations, and/or names of individuals, if available.
- There is no charge to place a research request with the Archives. Additionally, there is no charge for simple retrieval of documents. If a particular request appears to warrant research fees, Archives staff will notify the researcher before proceeding. There is no fee for individuals to conduct research in person at the archives. For more information, please view the [Archives' fees and research policies](#).
- The Archives makes every effort to respond to all requests within one business day.
- Users are required to provide an e-mail address to enable us to respond to your request. Additional contact information is requested, but not required. All address and telephone information will be used only for the purpose of responding to your research requests. Researchers may also submit research requests by contacting the [Archives branches](#) by telephone, in person, or by postal mail.

Fields marked with a "*" are required.

Contact Information

Name: *	<input type="text"/>
Email Address: *	<input type="text"/>
Confirm Email Address: *	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text" value="WA"/>
Zip:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>

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Next, ask your question, then click the “Submit” button.

Description of Request*



If possible, please indicate the geographic and/or subject areas relevant to your research. This will assist us in directing your request to the appropriate branch or branches. If you are searching for "any information" on an individual or subject, please give examples of the type(s) of information that you seek.

Submit

Once your request is submitted, you will receive a confirmation page stating that you will be contacted by an Archivist.



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You will be contacted by an Archivist.

And that's all there is to it!

